



The Valley News

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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 Bert Schott 636.519.0431

The first thing I want to do is thank **Jeff Buckley** and **Bob Austin** for the great tech talk on preparing a Model "A" for touring class judging. That was the most professional presentation on the subject that has ever been developed and it was very motivating. Doesn't it want to get you going on your Model "A"? Thank you again, **Jeff** and **Bob**.

We are approaching the end of the year but we still have a lot of business to conduct and events to participate in. Our October 2nd meeting will be here before you know it and we will have to nominate officers and a board for November elections. Think about who you would like to have as a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and board members (3)...perhaps it's you. This is not rocket science ladies and gentlemen; most of these positions are easier to manage than maintaining a Model "A". Missouri Valley MARC needs you. Another reason to be at the meeting...we are having an interesting tech talk by **Terry Oberer** that you will not want to miss. I met a lot of Model "A" experts over the years and I have never met anyone more knowledgeable about Model "A" mechanics, engineering and diagnosis than **Terry**.

Incidentally, **Terry** is helping to organize a car show in Herculaneum on October 6th and would appreciate having some Model A's show up to support the event. I am planning to go as well as a number of others that signed up at the September meeting. You will get

more details about this event at the next meeting. The other event we have going is the Glencoe railroad and Hawthorne lunch tour on October 21st. This is a total family event. **David Stukenbroeker** will need your \$2.00 per person at the October meeting so we can get train tickets. All aboard!



I was disappointed that so few people signed up for the November 10th Veterans Parade in St. Louis. Please consider joining us to salute our troops. We have a bowling party in the works for November as well. More details will follow. At the last meeting

we discussed making the Die Hard more festive by embracing the holiday season. Trinity Lutheran Church, where we have our meetings, provides support for 8 – 12 families that are in need and based on your response at the last meeting, I know you would like to help. I have been speaking with a person on their board and I expect more specifics that I can share with you. Hopefully we can have a list of items we can donate by the November meeting so we can bring them to the Die Hard. We would also like to have a chili cook-off at the Die Hard. Any one who would like to bring a big pot of chili in lieu of



Only Clairol & the Model "A" Club know for sure!

a side has a chance of winning a free membership for 2008. See **Tom Holtgrave** if you are interested in participating. Anyone for a five alarmer?

Well, I hate to leave you so quickly but I must start packing for the overnigher in Herman this weekend. **Alice** and I are looking forward to cruising, winning, dining, music and visiting with our Model "A" friends.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2007 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

September Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The September 4th meeting began at 7:07pm in the church parking lot with a tech talk on the topic of preparing your Model "A" for judging presented by **Bob Austin** and **Jeff Buckley**. Mr. **Austin's** Model "A" scored a MARC of Excellence in the Touring Class at the national meet in Williamsburg, VA. Following the talk, the crowd moved inside with President **Bert Schott** presiding over the meeting. There were no visitors at the meeting and no new cars acquired recently. The attendance sheet was passed around. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was presented by **Dayna Cogorno** and approved. **Dave Smith** has nametags ready for pickup. **Phil Ierardi** presented information on MAFFI – the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc. Our club is a member of MAFFI. **Phil Ierardi** has the newsletters of MAFFI organized in a binder and will bring this to the monthly meetings for members to browse. Also, a member may check out the binder at the meeting and bring it back to the next monthly meeting. Members and non-members of MAFFI can register their Model "A" on the Model "A" Registry at the website WWW.MAFFI.ORG **Doug Brockhaus** recently joined MAFFI and his name appears in the current newsletter. The car display at the Delmar Gardens Family Day is cancelled due to change in management. The Hermann overnight tour is September 15th & 16th. There are brochures available for car shows and swap meets. The EPC Classic Carfest to benefit the Center for Autism Education is October 13th in St. Charles. Talk to **Ken Webb** for details. There is a car show on October 6th in Herculaneum – **Terry Oberer** will send information to the people who signed up to participate. The steam train ride and lunch at the Hawthorn Inn is October 21st. The Veteran's Day Parade in St. Louis is November 10th — Sign up and show your support. **Dave Egertson** is encouraging members to participate in the Manchester Parade on Sep-

tember 8th. There will be Bowling & Bonfire on November 18th. The club will bowl from 2 - 4pm and then travel to the **Stukenbroeker** manse for a chicken dinner and bonfire. The cost is \$11/person for bowling, shoe rental, and dinner. The Annual Die Hard is December 2nd. As in the past, **Tom Holtgrave** will prepare a fabulous lunch. New this year will be a chili cook-off with the winner receiving a free 1 year membership to the club. Also, the club will work with Trinity Lutheran Church to provide those in need with food or gifts at Christmas. As more information becomes available, you can bring your donations to the Die Hard. Nominations for officers and board members will take place at the October meeting. Start collecting door prizes for the Annual Awards Banquet in January. **David Stukenbroeker** (just in the nick of time) and **Nell Austin** were winners of the 50/50 drawing.

Jeff Buckley and **Bob Austin** continued their technical session on judging standards with a powerpoint presentation. At the conclusion of the technical session, **Jeff Buckley** presented **Bob Austin** with a poster size photo of his Model "A" at the judging area in Williamsburg, VA and then he presented **Nell Austin** with a poster size photo of the **Austins** and their Model "A" at the awards ceremony in Williamsburg. The technical session at the October meeting will be "Heads Up" by **Terry Oberer**. The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Guess what this picture is and the owner of the object. A hint, Stan Kahn is famous and associated with this type of object. The owners name is on the name plate.



Upcoming Events 2007

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

Comprehensive listing of "events of interest" is on our www.modelclub.org. MoValleyMarc@sbcglobal.net

Oct 2 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Oct 6 Sat, Herculaneum Car Show

** **Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201

Oct 21 Sun, Model Steam RR & Hawthorn Inn

** **John Stoecker** 314.647.5323

Nov 6 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Nov 10 Sat, Veterans Day Parade

Bert Schott 636.519.0431

Nov 18 Sun, Bowling, Bon-Fire and Chicken Dinner

** **Terry Yount** 636.532.0005

Dec 2 Sun, Annual Die Hard,

Tom Holtgrave 314.576.4795

Dec 4 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Jan 27 Sun, Annual Awards Banquet Genesis Banquet Center **John Stoecker** 314.647.5323

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Touring Class Judging Seminar

by Jeff Buckley 636.846.7408

For those who missed the seminar about what it takes to get your Model "A" ready for the Touring Class Judging, you missed out on a very informative seminar. We started with a hands on presentation of **Bob Austin's** 483 point car. **Bob** was extremely honest about what he thought was incorrect. **Bob** graciously pointed out what was correct and tips and short cuts to achieve the goal of a high point car. There was a step by step slide presentation, complete with twenty seven eight-by-ten color glossy pictures with circles and arrows and a paragraph on the back of each one. Both Bob and I spent 30 minutes going over specific examples of **Bob's** car and a great interaction question and answer session. We plan to repeat this presentation next year before our Dallas meet in June.

Herculaneum Car Show - Sat Oct 6

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

Saturday afternoon, October 6, we will meet at **Jim Ruth's** house in Arnold at 4:00 pm and then leave for a short drive down the old 61-67 Highway to Herculaneum for an evening car show. Cars will be on display in the park on Joachim Avenue from 6 to 9 pm. A Mayor's trophy will be awarded. There is no registration fee and food will be available on the grounds. Come on out for a pleasant evening of viewing other cars and some enjoyable car times

Random Thoughts

by Jack Handle (AKA Jim Preston) 314.353.4592

Many MVR MARC members subscribe to Model "A" Times. The Summer issue of that publication had an article on Gibbs Penetrant. That article states that Gibbs Penetrant was the first penetrating oil to be patented in the U.S.A. It penetrates, lubricates, prevents corrosion, and can be painted over. Additional information can be obtained at the Gibbs Co. website (www.gibbsbrandlubricant.com)

The Times article also states that it can be purchased at NAPA stores. I called a couple of St. Louis-area NAPA stores in an effort to obtain Gibbs Penetrating Oil without success. I then contacted Gibbs Co. directly and was informed that the product was available at some NAPA stores, but not at NAPA stores nationwide, as the Times article implies. Since no store in the immediate St. Louis area carried it, the Gibbs Co. allowed me to order it directly from them. I have used Gibbs Penetrating Oil for some of the Model A-related tasks that I had, and feel that it performs well. **Terry Oberer**, Chief Instructor of Mechanical Wizardry at the Academy of Vintage Vehicles (A.V.V.) – Byrnes Mill Campus, has also used Gibbs Penetrant and believes it is quite satisfactory, and possibly superior to Kroil. **Paul Ganninger** from the A.V.V.– Kirkwood Campus has used Gibbs Penetrating Oil on some very badly corroded parts with great success.

While NAPA stores do not carry Gibbs Penetrant, ignition points and condensers are a NAPA catalog item. The item numbers/descriptors are **ECHCS30** for the "contact set (points)" and **ECHFA5** for the "distributor condenser", according to information available on their website at www.napaonline.com This author recently found himself in need of these parts and the traditional distributor upper and lower plates as the "modern" parts that were in the distributor failed after only 150 miles. While trading out the "modern" distributor configuration was not compulsory, it seemed imprudent to throw good money after bad if the replacement "modern" parts failed after a similar number of miles. Now if a suitable generator can be pulled together, the Nu-Rex alternator can also be shelved. Perhaps the next time we are at the James Ruth Museum, we can swap our shoddily restored Tudor for the museum curator's original Model A. Then all our problems will be solved.

HEADS UP

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

I will conduct a short technical seminar on cylinder heads and head gaskets for the Model "A" Ford. This will be an illustrated demonstration showing various heads and head gaskets with emphasis on what works and what does not from my observations over the past years. If you have anything to share in that line, please bring your examples to the seminar and we will discuss your experiences.

Ed Lewis' 1930 Blindback Briggs Fordor

My first memories of Model A's are of Mr. Martin Komo and Mr. Elmer Lewis (no relation) driving their Tudor sedans to the country store at Luebbering, Mo. My parents raised two kids in a four room rent house (w/path) on the east side of the store, one of them was me. I still remember Mr. Elmer parking on a downhill grade along side the store and roll-starting his A to "save the starter" and Ms. Gracie's bonnoted head swaying with the motion of the car as the clutch engaged, the engine started, and they "sped" off down the old road to home.

I have ridden thousands of miles in rattle-trap Model A's, many of them with a slop bucket between my feet. I have also ridden many miles on the fenders or running boards while bouncing through farm fields on the way to the next gate. I learned to drive in these same A's while helping combine wheat and oats for the farmers in our area.

The first three cars I owned were Model A's. The first was a 1930 five window Coupe that I bought for \$25.00 I referred to it as my "chicken coupe" after a flock of chickens tried to cross in front of me. They lost 3-0. They must have fancied themselves faster than me or that I had good brakes: they were wrong on both counts. My next was a 29 Fordor sedan that I paid \$60.00 for. Later on, I traded the 29 sedan for a 1931 coupe after the engine started making a Walter Mittyish "ta-pocketa-ta-pocketa" sound.

My present car is a Ford Maroon and Black 1930 Blindback Briggs Fordor sedan. We acquired the car from Mrs. Sandra Chumat in Chagrin Fall, Ohio in Dec. 2004, from her father's estate. In the fall of 1972, Sandra and her husband Jerry bought a lake cottage "lock, stock and barrel". The cottage was located on Lake Miltona outside of Alexandria, Mn. formerly owned by Grover Cleveland Gephart and his wife Bonnie. The car was in a shed, and was suffering from years of neglect. Bonnie Gephart had bought the car from the original owner that lived in Alexandria. They were told the car had never been out of Douglas County, Mn.

Sandra gave the car to her father, Sam Bart, as a retirement gift. In the Spring of 1973, Bart trailered the car to Aurora, Ohio and embarked on a 3 year frame off restoration. After investing 1600+ hours of labor and 20 coats of lacquer, he entered the car in a show in Twinsburg, Ohio. The car won a first place trophy.

Over the next 28 years, the car won almost 200 trophies. The last show Mr. Bart attended was held the first week of August in 2004, where the car was awarded "Best of Show". That trophy, along with his Model A Restoreres Club hat and 25 year pin, were buried with him when Mr. Bart passed away that October.

Thanks to all the hardworking folks that make this club a great success and fun to be a part of.



Bowling—BonFire-chicken Dinner

by Terry Yount 636.532.0005

This will be our second to last tour of the year. It has all the elements that makes a tour great. Fun, food, fire and more food and drinks. We will start our outing at the bowling alley, Brunswick Zone—Lakeside located at 1254 Dougherty Ferry Road (hint-corner of Big Bend and Dougherty Ferry). This is a chance to show off your bowling prowess or as in my case, just to have fun. The bowling alley provides for us 6 persons per lane, 2 hours of bowling (by that time you should be sufficiently exercised) drinks, shoes and your Model "A" family will provide the friendly atmosphere. Bowling is a great fun event to do, besides, we have never done this event. Get in on the ground floor of first time club event.

After our 2 hours of bowling, we will caravan to **David and Brenda Stukenbroeker's** home. They live half way between our meeting place and the Down Under. This is our final destination. They live on a dead end street and we will have 2 bon-fires, a delicious chicken dinner, something to drink, and a few sides. A bon-fire on a crisp autumn night is wonderful.

Now you ask, what is the grand event going to cost? We contacted Bob Barker, retired host of the Price is Right, to ask him. Unbelievably, he over bid each time. He was shocked to find out that the total cost, I mean for everything, 2 hours of bowling, shoes, use of the bowling ball, drinks, deluxe chicken dinner and the bon-fire, was only **\$11.00 per person**. At this price, there is no discounts for senior citizens or children.

We have a bonus, we will roast marshmallows. What do I need to bring. Very simple, yourself, a chair, a stick for your marshmallow. Optionally, you can bring chocolate and graham crackers for semores and if you want anything very special to drink or eat with your chicken dinner. When you sign up, please pay for your participation, as we have to commit to lanes and the pieces of chicken.

This is a great event and we hope to have lots of our friends attend.



Steam Train Ride/Labadie Tour

by David Stukenbroeker 314.766.9929



The Wabash and Frisco, and Pacific steam railroad is a fun 12 inch gauge rail system. The scenic two mile trip lasts around 20 minutes and meanders along the beautiful Meramec River. We have done this tour before and it is always a grand experience. It is truly a beautiful ride and lots of fun.

As if we could do something else fun, we will have lunch at the Hawthorn Inn in Labadie. This is a newly remodeled restaurant nestled by the Katy trail. The food is great and we should all have a good time together. More details later and sign up sheets at the October meeting.

The cost of the train tour is \$2.00 payable when you sign up. This is the group discount we will receive from our host and guide **John Stoecker**. We will meet at the Down Under at 9:00 and arrive at the steam railroad at 9:45. **John** has gotten us preferential parking to keep our cars safe.

I hope to see you there on Saturday October 21.

MARC Officer Voting

by Jeff Buckley 636.846.7408

Former member **Arlyn Bieber** is running for a National Office in MAFCA. **Arlyn** was a very active and well respected individual and is deserving of your time to vote for him.



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FOR SALE: 1929 Model "A" in process. Price is very reasonable. **Tony Petti** 636.443.2380

WANTED: I am in need of 5 -19" tires & tubes for my Huckster. Also need tail lights and assembly. Hopefully used. **Don McCallie** 636.452.3407

WANTED: Complete my tool kit for my 31 "A". I am missing a jack/handle & a tire pump. Must be correct type. **Mark Schenberg** 314.991.2277

FOR SALE: 1930 Town Sedan. **David Fronczak** 636.394.5883

Wanted: Model "A" coupe.
Roger Thomson 660.584.3824

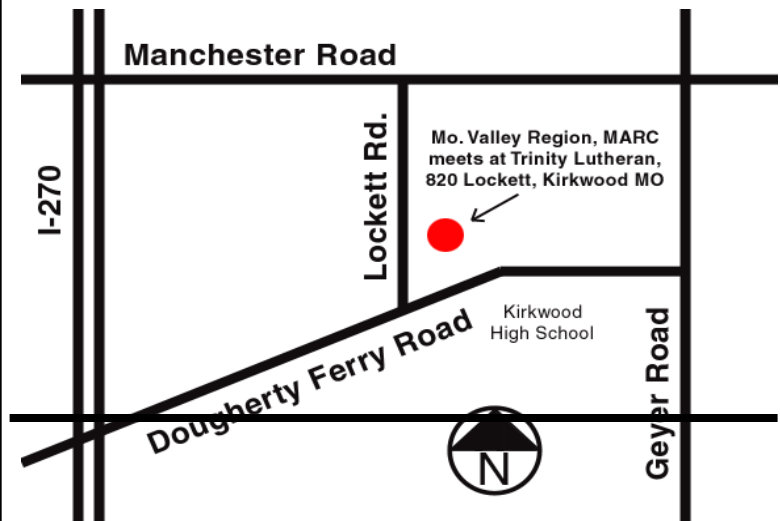
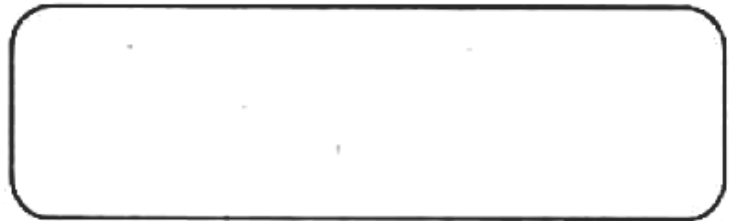
FOR SALE: 1928 Buick Model 28-20 2 dr. Std. Sedan - Very Good Condition - Valve-In-Head Straight 6 - Beautiful Mohair Upholstery & Wilton Wool Carpeting - good driver - Asking \$12,995.

1970 VW Beetle Std Sedan in restoration & needs some bodywork but have all spare panels. Upholstery is done & needs install. Car ran great when put into restoration - asking \$3995.00.

2003 Jaguar S-Type - Beautiful looks - classic retro styling - just refurbished completely w/all mechanicals gone through - new trans, tires, struts - all fluids replaced, injectors cleaned, new plugs - everything done! Pristine condition - asking \$17,000.

1928 (June 06, 1928) Ford Model A Phaeton - Restored with proper "AR" parts - Excellent Condition & very rare. Car has been featured in books & movies - See James Schild book on the Model A & Peter Winnewisser book - "The Legendary Model A" - pages 38 & 39. Arabian Sand & Copra Drab - License - "Chitty" asking \$33,000 **Larry Hassel** 636.391.8783

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

Things I gotta do:

- 1) Plan to attend October Tours
- 2) Consider being OUR Editor
- 3) Give Phil a profile on your precious Model "A"
- 4) Consider being a club officer.
It is very rewarding

