

# THE Valley News

September 2008

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 **Bob Austin 636.933.0887**

September is here, and school is in session, so the retirees can now come out and play.

**Jim Ruth** did a spectacular job on August 17 as host of a tour when he opened his home and museum to the club followed by a parade to the Blue Owl for lunch. It also got us two new members. **Jerry Claywell** and **Mary Hostetter**, owner of the Blue Owl. They recently purchased a 1931 model 'A' coupe. Also welcome **James** and **Norma Glueck** and **Bob** and **Beverly Barger**.

Ladies Night/Silent Auction was a huge success thanks to **Terry Yount** and **Bob Taylor**. **Terry** handled the food and flowers, **Phil Ierardi** donated the sides and **Nell Austin** donated the cake. **Bob** managed the Silent Auction. Thanks gentlemen for all your hard work and to the ladies who worked silently in the background. It paid off because the members had a lot of fun and the club raised over two thousand dollars. Way to go **Bob Taylor!!!**

'A Day in the Park' was the event of the year! The weather was great, the cars all polished, and the people in a festive mood. It was nice to see some of the people in period clothing. Thanks to **Phil Ierardi** for the wonderful ice carving, **Nell Austin** for the cake, **Jeff Buckley** and **David Stukenbroeker** for the signs and posters. **Phil Ierardi** led 40 cars on a parade through Forest Park honking horns and waving to the people. We ended our day at the History Museum with

a photo session and a display for the public. I believe all who attended will have fond memories of 'A Day in the Park'.

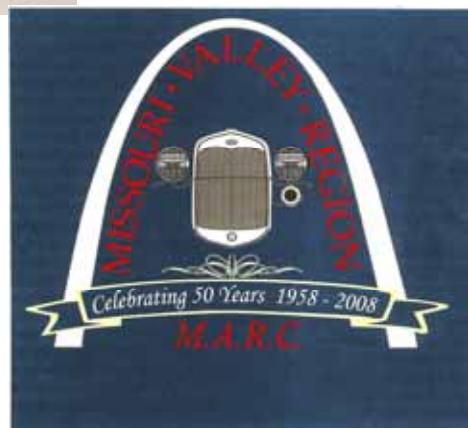
Trotter Art Inc. took pictures of our 50<sup>th</sup> party and can be viewed on line at [www.trotterart.com](http://www.trotterart.com). Call **Jim Trotter** 314-878-0777 if you would like a picture of your car at the 50<sup>th</sup> party or one of the other pictures posted on the web. He will also custom enhance your picture. An 8x10 is \$35. The resolution of these pictures you have to see for yourself.



**Don & Peggy McCallie** will again have an open house at their farm at 8854 Hwy Y, Dittmer MO 63023 on October 4 from 3pm until? On October 5 is the St. Ann parade sponsored by **Jack Rehagan**. October 7-11 is Hershey PA swap meet.

The Model 'A' Club is having a wonderful year. Let's keep the fun going! See you at our next meeting on October 7.

Remember, October is when we start to plan for 2009. We need volunteers to fill all the offices and the board. We have a great membership and I know that I can count on them to step up and guide through 2009.



**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2008 - 7:30 pm**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri**

## Fall Color Tour

by Bert Schott 636.519.0431

You are cordially invited to attend a Fall Color Tour on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:30 AM starting at the Museum of Transport. The gates open at 10:00 AM and you will have an opportunity to gander at approximately 100 cars of various makes, models and years until 11:30 AM. Then we depart for a tour on country roads and wind up in Washington where you will enjoy a scrumptious all-you-can-eat sausage dinner and a Fall Craft Fair at St. Francis Borgia Parish, plus shopping or sightseeing. The first 50 cars to register will get off the street parking in Washington. Participants will receive a dash plaque. This will be a very nice way to spend a Sunday. The cost is \$10.00 per person and must be mailed no later than October 10<sup>th</sup>. However, I understand they have received a number of registrations already and they don't have unlimited space so it is best to get the application in early. Forms will be available at the October meeting.

A flyer and application form is also available on the Museum's website at [www.museumoftransport.org](http://www.museumoftransport.org). You can contact **Molly Butterworth** or **Beth Rothermich** at the with any questions at 314.615.8668.



**Lesser known Model "A" accessory. Do you know what year this came out? Hint, this is attached to the clutch return. Ask David Hitt for the answer.**

## Thanks to My Model "A" Family

By Robie Haines 636.274.5023

Thanks to my dear Model A family. All the cards, visits, and encouragement received during my recent bout with cranial ischemia. Just wanted to acknowledge all of you. To be able to attend spectacular events like Ladies' Night, and the 50th Anniversary Party, truly meant a lot to me. It's very easy to become discouraged when life throws stumbling blocks in your way, but my family in the Club has truly been inspiration for me. THANK YOU!!! -Robie-

## Family Picnic

by Bert Schott 636.519.0431

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> started out a little shaky with an outburst of showers and predictions of ghastly hot weather. But, as things turned out, it was a perfect day. The temperature was not unbearable and the shade and the breeze kept us very comfortable. Another thing that cooled us off was our infamous water balloon toss. **Fred Burk** did an excellent job running

the game and the participants showed their love and appreciation by blasting him with water balloons...**Jeff Buckley** administered a particularly low blow.

We had about 40 people, 10 Model 'A's, a '33 Ford, a '24 T and a '56 Chevy convertible participating in car games and people games. The winners were appropriately rewarded for feats of skill and just plain good luck. The "**Stop-on-the dot**" game required the driver to drive their Model 'A' about twenty feet and stop exactly on top of a 1/4<sup>th</sup> inch dot. **Jeff Buckley** was closest at 4 inches followed by **Jim Clark** at 5 1/2". They each received "Dots" candy. The "**Paper Toss**" game was made for an ex paperboy. Players had to toss newspapers into 4 different boxes. **Bill Link** had an advantage with his roadster with two hits and **Gene Cogorno** got one. They were handsomely rewarded with paper towels. The "**House of Cards**" game consisted of getting out of the car, stacking assorted boxes up on either side of the car, placing another across the top, getting back in the car and driving through. It was another win for **Jeff Buckley** who should probably be banned from future games. He walked away with the grand prize of a deck of cards. "**Nuts and Bolts**" had participants put nuts on bolts inside of a box where they were working blind; **Ron Berkel** and **Jim Clark** came in with the fastest times and each received a nut bar. Then there was the "**Tire Roll**" which was a little tricky because you had to roll tires to targets on the side of a hill. Never the less, **Ron Berkel**, **Fred Burk** and **Christina Cogorno** eked out the wins for the Tootsie Rolls. There were several team winners of the balloon toss: **Fred Burk and Dayna Cogorno**, **Ron Berkel and Lee Majors**, **Elsie and Bill Link** all won pops. Then, similar prizes were awarded to the bingo winners. At the end of the day we had a lot of laughs, enjoyed the company and got to know each other a little better.

Thanks to the many people that came to help. **Terry Oberer** brought the tires; **Bob Austin**, **Fred Burk**, **Jim Clark**, **Phil Ierardi**, **Jim Ruth**, **Dave Stukenbroeker** and **Gene Wetzel** ran the games and **Terry Yount** brought the Bingo game and called the numbers. Last but definitely not least, I must thank **Alice** for all of her help, including tying at least 100 water balloons. Everyone pitched in and to help and left the place spotless.

What trademark item was missing this year? Hint, it has 8 batteries, the person carried extras because everyone stole them, it was loud and obnoxious (the item, not the person) and it was a something that fit the person. Something like **Minnie Pearl** wearing a hat with a \$1.98 price tag, only not as classy.

## 50th Anniversary Video

**If you want a copy of the video shown at the party, let me know and they will be available at our October Meeting . Cost is \$5 per copy.**

## Upcoming Events 2008

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

Comprehensive listing of "events of interest" is on our [www.modelclub.org](http://www.modelclub.org). MoValleyMarc@sbcglobal.net

**Oct 4 Sat, WildFlower Farm Party—McCallie's**

**\*\* Don & Peggy McCallie 636.452.3407**

**Oct 5 Sun, Saint Ann Parade, Display and Festival**

**Jack Rehagen 314.423.1959**

**Oct 7 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting**

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bob Austin 636.933.0887**

**Oct 11 Sat, Herculaneum Bicentennial Celebration**

**\*\* Jeff Buckley 314.846.7408 Cell 314.608.8092**

**Oct 19 Sun, Fall Color Tour to Washington MO**

**\*\* Bert Schott 636.519.0431**

**Oct 25 Sat, Bon-Fire & Weiner Roast**

**David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444**

**Nov 4 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting**

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bob Austin 636.933.0887**

**Nov 8 Sat, Annual Veterans Day Parade**

**Gene Wetzel 314.544.5559**

**Dec 2 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting**

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bob Austin 636.933.0887**

**Dec 7 Sun, Annual Die Hard**

**Tom Holtgrave 314.576.4795**

**Jan 18 Sun, 2008 Awards Banquet**

**Bob Austin 636.933.0887**

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#### Herculaneum Bicentennial Celebration

by Jeff Buckley 314.846.7408 Cell 314.608.8092

On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Herculaneum will be celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding with a parade and caravel. We have been invited to be in the parade and to join the car show that follows. If you have an interest in joining the parade and/or car show at Herculaneum please call and I will provide you with details. Celebration starts at 9 a.m. The Clydesdales 8 hitch team will lead the parade to the fairgrounds. Parade route is 2 1/4 miles long.

#### WildFlower Farm Party—McCallie's

by Don & Peggy McCallie 636.452.3407

Saturday, October 4, 2008 3:00pm till...Walking Tour of Farm 4:00-5:30pm. Dinner 6:00pm Catered BBQ (pulled pork sandwiches and THE SOUP) Your favorite special dishes, especially desserts, will be welcomed, but are optional. If you do plan to bring something, please let us know at least a week in advance.

**R.S.V.P. by  
September 28, 2008  
636-452-3407  
Please leave a Message**



## Random Thoughts

by Jack Handle, AKA Jim Preston 314.353.4592

Hello, and welcome to another installment of Random Thoughts, the column that is irregular in content as well as interval of publication. I would like to offer a belated word of thanks to Mayor Oberer for hosting another Start-Up party. His hospitality and generosity know no bounds. I had hoped to drive the shoddily restored '28 Tudor to this year's party, but it was not to be. Because our home is some distance from Mayor Oberer's, I thought it wise to re-torque the cylinder head. On the first pass with a torque setting of 35 ft. lbs. cylinder head stud #7 broke. Since the Mrs. did not want to ride in the summer heat without air conditioning, she was safe for another year.

I found that there were several options for removing broken cylinder head studs. One option involves using a 29/64 drill bit and leaving the cylinder head in place to act as a drill guide. (A drill with a 1/2 inch chuck is needed to use a drill bit of this size.) Another option is to use a drill guide (Snyder's A-6063) and the small bit that comes with it to drill a hole in the center of the broken stud. An easy-out is then twisted into the drilled hole to remove the broken stud. This seems like a viable option, but a potential draw back is the conundrum one would face if the easy-out breaks (broken stud with a hardened steel center inserted). I suspect this could occur when the stud is stuck in the engine block, as might be the case when it has been in place for quite some time. Fortunately for me, the broken stud in my engine was fairly easy to extract. Low mileage and pretreatment with Gibb's Penetrate might have aided removal.

I had purchased a tool to torque the #1 nut beside the distributor (Snyder's A-6064-T). I bought this item some time ago (more than 1 yr.), but had never used it. On the first pass with a torque setting of 35 ft. lbs., the tool broke.



(Note vertical crack where the tool slips over the cylinder nut.) A 11/16 inch crow's foot with 1/2 inch to 3/8 inch adaptor was used to torque the #1 nut. (S-K Tools part # 42222 is a very high quality crow's foot.) Mayor Oberer reminded me that the alignment of the crow's foot to the wrench should not be parallel to minimize the variance in torque reading.

I returned the broken tool to Snyder's. They provided a new replacement at no charge to me. The replacement item seemed to be a bit sturdier than the one that I originally purchased. And I will be carefully watching the Mrs. to prevent her from sabotaging any future road trips.



**S-K Tools part 42222,  
3/8" drive 11/16 in.**

Note that is the only time **Jim Ruth** appears tall.

# Family Picnic

Photos by  
Gene Cogorno, Phil Ierardi,  
Bob Austin & Lance Klinge-



# Blue Owl - Museum Tour



## Blue Owl & Ruth Museum by David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

What fun we all had touring the infamous **Ruth** Museum of LA (Lower Arnold). **Jim** proudly showed all of his posters and ad's including the unauthorized "ROR" poster. Members could view all four of this 1930 Model "A" collection. **Jim** carefully chose the pick up truck. It is painted Cherokee gray. Due to tradition, **Jim** was finding clues that some things were amiss for around a week. Betty Boop was facing the wrong way, tools carefully positioned on a peg board were in inappropriate places. **Jim** then lead our group to the picturesque town of Kimmswick.

We were served a great meal at the Blue Owl, which is owned by our newest members **Mary Hostetter & Jerry Claywell**. The chicken and Dumplings were scrumptious and the apple pie was to die for. After lunch, many of us went shopping at the many craft stores. **Jim Ruth** went to play "Seek and Find" for his truck. He is always misplacing it. He found it and the group gathered for beautiful group pictures. Great day, great tour.

(This is Jim's dream to be tall)





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**For Sale:** Right rear fender for 30-31 Sedan, fresh sand blast and light prime, ready for body work and finish. \$125. **Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201

**For Sale:** 1930 Splash aprons, new reproductions that I bought for my Tudor but I found some originals. \$100 for the pair. **Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201  
[toberer@netzero.net](mailto:toberer@netzero.net)

**For Sale:** 30/31 Stainless steel rear bumper bars /set of 4/new \$200.00 Gently used (excellent condition) Lebaron Bonney light brown mohair interior panels for a fordor sedan (no seat covers) \$350 for all. Gently used (excellent condition) front and rear LeBaron Bonney carpets for a fordor sedan \$125 for all front and rear carpet sections. 30/31 Rear Bumper brackets for a 30/31 sedan (reproduction) \$80 for the pair. Please call **Gene Cogorno** at 314.434.1064 or e-mail me at [cogorno2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cogorno2@sbcglobal.net)

**For Sale:** 1930 Std Tudor. Runs great. Body in Great Condition. Ordered \$1000 for it. (Shocks Etc.)  
**Dwayne Hilton** 314.775.8902 \$9000 or best offer.

**Wanted:** Front Cross Member for 30-31 Model "A"  
**Sonny Ketchum** 314.353.0854

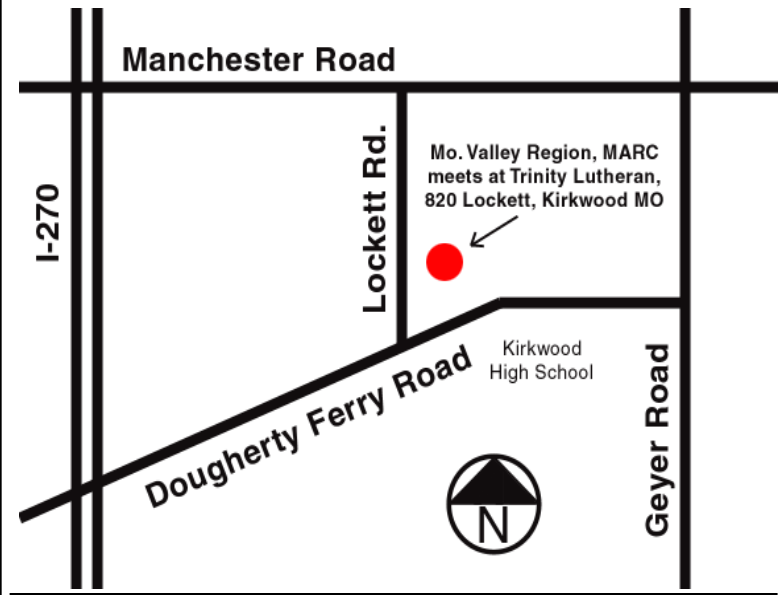
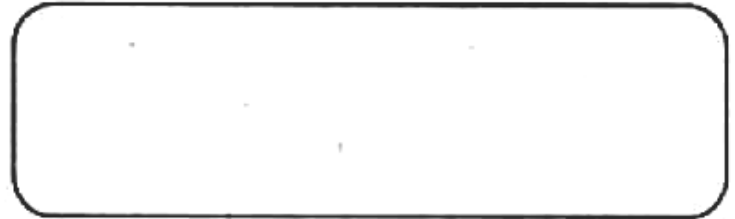
**For Sale:** 30-31 Used fiber glass front fenders. Plain for passenger side, welled on the drivers side. \$300. for the pair. **John Stoecker** 314.640.0141

**For Sale:** 1928 Ford Speedster High Compression head Runs and Drives Great! Needs Paint. \$3500.00 OBO  
**Mike Rehkemper** 618.977.5977

**Information:** Horn motor restoration. The Horn Shop 7129 Rome-Oriskany Road Rome, NY 13440 315.336.8841 **Jim Preston** 314.353.4592

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## First Class Mail



## Mo Member says:

### Things I gotta do:

- 1) Time to think about holding an office
- 2) Sit with someone you do not know at our meetings. Make new friends
- 3) Volunteer to help with one of our great tours and events. Get involved with your club!!!

