

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 Greg Piel 314.843.4328

Spring has finally arrived in the Midwest and we are all happy to see some warm sunny days. The trees and shrubs are starting to bloom and by now I'm sure we've all fired up those blasted lawn mowers. BUT... we'll also have more opportunities to get our cars out and socialize a little! Get ready for lots of activities!

The MARC National Membership meet was held in Marietta, GA last month. **Jeff Buckley** attended the meet and gave a glowing report at the April meeting. Thanks for representing MO VALLEY MARC for us **Jeff!**

The Kirkwood Library's display of "Remembering the Thirties" program was held at the Kirkwood train station on March 28. It was a nice program attended by many neighborhood residents. The weather was not very accommodating that day so the turnout of vintage cars was less than originally anticipated. **Charlie Henerey** gave an informative 30 minute presentation on driving in the thirties, followed by a lively question/answer period. Thank you Charlie for representing our club. Thanks to everyone who brought their cars or donated some props for **Charlie's** presentation.

Mark Schenberg was again gracious enough to host our annual Safety Check. **Bob Taylor** generously donated some oil for our "in house mechanics". The food was great and the company was even better! Thanks to all for making it such a fun event. Special thanks are in order to **Mark** for again donating his place of

business for all of us to enjoy. My grandson, **Noah** (age 5) had a great time at the Safety Check. Besides seeing all the "really, really old cars", he especially enjoyed watching the cars go up and down on the lifts. Now that's what I call cheap entertainment! (Don't worry, he didn't mention anything about any really, really old people!).

The weather turned out beautifully for the All Ford Show at the Museum of Transport. We had 17 "New Fords" there along with multiple T's, V8's and some modern cars. Thanks go to **Bert** and **Alice Schott** for organizing the event and complimenting the afternoon with their fine culinary skills on the grill. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all who attended.

I need to PLEASE ask for some volunteers! **David Stukenbroeker** needs some help with set up and layout of the Newsletter. He does a tremendous amount of work for the club and he needs to "lighten his load" somewhat. He is asking for volunteers to take some of this responsibility. He will show you everything that's involved with setting up the newsletter. If you have some computer skills and are willing to help **David** (and the club), please contact him or one of the officers or board members. We really need

someone to step up to the plate! Thank you for all you do for the club, it is greatly appreciated by all!

Please remember to SUPPORT OUR TROOPS! **Bob Taylor** is collecting items such as toiletries, hard candy, sanitizing hand wipes, suntan lotion etc. for our armed services personnel. Let's all get together on



Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

Invasion of the Body Snatchers

By Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

On Saturday March 28 my workshop was invaded by "The Body Snatchers". The invaders picked up my recently painted 1930 Tudor body and set it on the assembled chassis in about five minutes of actual work. Then we all spent an hour admiring our handiwork. I have been "working" on this vehicle for the past thirty years and now it finally is approaching completion. It has been my "excuse" for attending parts swaps for many years under the guise of finding better components for the project. The running gear was the subject of the 2005 MARC membership meet here in St. Louis seminar titled "Some Assembly Required, Battery Included." Three local members and three Naperville, Illinois members were selected to fully assemble my "A" parts into a running chassis in an hour and twenty minutes in front of a crowd of meet attendees. Now the body is being fitted to the chassis with all components being added. Hopefully, by the end of this summer the Tudor will finally be on the road. My sincere thanks to all of the helpers on that day and those that have helped me over the years.

Participants in the "invasion" shown in the photo left to right: **Barb** and **Sonny Ketchum**, **Paul Ganninger**, **Dave Scott**, neighbor **Jeff Humbolt**, **Bob Barger**, neighbor **Ken Verharst**, and **Bob Austin**

Terry's Dream

By Barb Ketchum 314.353.0854

On March 28th I was able to experience the connection of body and chassis of **Terry Oberer's** dream. He has dreamed of this moment for 30 years. I will tell you a short story of that dream, a dream come true.

We arrived at **Terry's** house about 10 o'clock that morning. Two neighbors, **Bob**, **Paul**, **Sonny**, **Barb**, **David**, and of course **Terry** himself. **Terry** hadn't slept the night before. He was so worried about everything going just right. You could just feel the excitement in the air. The guys teasing him, and him worrying about everything working out just right.

Now that everybody was here, and they consumed enough coffee to get through the task at hand. It was time to move the party to the basement. **Gracie**, his dog, even put her two cents worth in. After discussion on how this miracle was to be connected, everyone took their position and was prepared for the big move.

At the just right moment **Terry** announced "OK LET'S MOVE IT." The body was then picked up, set in place, and



the holes matched up. Chassis and body become one. You should have seen the joyous expression on his face and feel the excitement in the room. The car was beautiful, but it didn't compare to the excitement that everyone felt. At that time I felt very fortunate to be a part of this special time.

I hope everybody has a chance to feel, or to experience with someone close to them, the excitement that we felt at that moment with **Terry**.

Good luck **Terry**, we hope that car brings you much happiness.

Upcoming Events 2009

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

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

- Apr 26** Sun, Model "T" Swap Meet (Gateway Track)
Bert Schott 636.519.0431
- May 5** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- May 15-17** Branson, MO Over Night Tour
** **Bob Austin** 636.933.0887
- May 25** Mon, Scott Joplin—Ragtime Music Festival
David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444
- May 30** Sat, John Wheeler Church Car Show
John Wheeler 636.240.9340
- Jun 2** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Jun 7** Sun, 16th Annual Start Up Party
Terry Oberer 636.677.7201
- Jun 14-20**, Breckenridge, CO High Country Tour
David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444
- Jun 21-26**, MARC National Meet, Merrillville, IN
Terry Oberer 636.677.7201
- Jul 7** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Jul 18** Sat, Bonne Terre Mine Tour
David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444
- Aug 4** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Aug 8** Sat, Family Picnic **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431
- Aug 22** Sun, Kimmswick—Lunch at Blue Owl
Jim Ruth 636.296.9734
- Sep 1** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
Ladies Night **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Sep**, Garage Tour, New Baden, IL
Sonny Ketchum 314.353.0854
- Oct 6** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Oct 7-10**, Hershey
- Oct 24** Sat, Bon-Fire Wiener Roast
David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444
- Nov 3** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Nov 7** Sat, Veteran's Day Parade
Gene Wetzel 314.544.5559
- Dec 1** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Greg Piel** 314.843.4328
- Dec 6** Sun, Annual Die Hard
Tom Holtgrave 314.576.4795

The All Ford Show—The Miracle at MOT

By Bert Schott 636.519.0431

It was the morning of Sunday, April 5th and everyone must have been praying simultaneously: "Rain, rain, go away...come again some other day." Suddenly, despite the predictions in the newspaper and the weather channel, the ominous skies disappeared and sun came out. Then, seventeen Model "A"s came rolling in to the Museum of Transport, setting the stage for the Model T's, Ford V 8's and a couple of more modern, muscular types. The weather was so nice that **Phil Ierardi** even brought (**Jim Ruths'**) Victoria. He was also joined by open cars, including **Val Peistrups'** Phaeton, **Bill Links'** Roadster and **Grant MacLarens'** mostly Model "A", mostly '30, mostly loud speedster. Our club's presence was impressive. Every year we seem to get more people coming out. **Junior** and **Mil-lie Linensfelser** brought a '29 coupe from Marine and a number of others braved the weather predictions to join us.

Phil volunteered to be the director of parking and was especially diligent in making sure everyone was in a precise spot and on an exact angle. And how's this for dedication, **Louise Smith** got up at 4:00 AM to make delicious M&M cookies for **Dave** to bring to the show. **Nell Austin** contributed irresistible turtle type treats that defied eating just one.

We got passes for free admission into the museum and everyone seemed to have a good time looking at all the other cars and talking car trivia, joking, laughing and teasing. We burned some hot dogs, ate salad, chips and cookies, consumed sodas and went home safe and happy.

Pictures are on Page 5.



Another Great Safety Check

By Mark Schenberg 636.536.0060

Snow gave way to Sunshine & warmer weather...had about a dozen Model A's brave the morning slush, everybody had plenty of good food & fun...many Model A's gut their bellies rubbed on the rack...we are ready to begin the Touring season.

Special thanks to Jack Rehagen our chef supreme, and Dave Smith for assisting. Thanks to all who brought wonderful dishes of food. To Jeff Buckley for providing the A-B products, Bob Taylor for the oil, Terry Yount for handling the non-alcoholic beverages.

Looking forward to all the great times & touring ahead. Pictures are on Page 5.



Model "A" Brake Floaters

By David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

Terry Oberer put on a great seminar from his experience of putting the brake floaters he installed on **Gene** and **Dayna's** car. These parts are made by **Ted Spain** in New Zealand. The cost is \$115 for pickup or you can add \$20 to have it shipped. Teds web site is <http://www.flatheadted.com/>. His email is Ted Spain [tedspain@gmail.com].



Photos by Robie Haines



Terry did a great job on not only how to install them, but most importantly, how and why they work. This is important because if you understand it, then you see

you definitely need this if you plan to drive your Model "A".



Ted also has the parts shown below to complete the change over. I also bought these additional parts. The delivered cost is \$75. I will let you know how they do. I am going to Colorado, stopping is important.

As more of us get to know how to do this procedure, we are willing to help anyone interested in putting the parts on your Model "A".



A Great Time in Georgia

By Bob Taylor 636.274.3022

If you missed the meeting in April you missed a run-down by **Jeff Buckley** concerning the 2009 membership meet in Marietta, GA.

It did rain everyday, but not all day. I only added just over 100 miles to Kathy's Model 'A', but did enjoy getting wet running from shop to shop. All good tours have interesting things to see and hear. Cole didn't miss a train any time we went to the Town Square. **Ted and Jeanette Beishir, Jeff, Terri, Jennifer, Cole Buckley, and Kathy & I** were the Missouri Valley Region bunch representing our club out of 146 total registered Model 'A' enthusiasts

There were 4 seminars, Electrical Trouble-shooting and modern Lubricants. The electrical was over my head, but the radiator seminar was very informative.

We spent a lot of time at the Marietta Square because the museums were in walking distance along with the ICE CREAM PARLOR. Because of the rain we missed the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, but took in the Gone With the Wind museum, which was very interesting. Where did I hear that before, 'VERY INTERESTING'? The Southern Museum allows you to learn about the vital role railroads played in the 1800's and throughout the Civil War. The building of locomotives by the Glover Machine Works helped to rebuild the South after the Civil War. They built all types of locomotives from the very large to the smaller engines that were the length of the Model 'A'. Did I mention the ICE CREAM PARLOR?

The Swap Meet was held indoors on Sunday which wasn't bad. There were about two dozen vendors with various Model 'A' items

One last item: **Jeff** blew a tire, the third one on this trailer. We changed it in a hurry on the highway and headed for home. Just a few words of precaution, I purchased a new trailer and before I put 3000 miles on the trailer I blew two tires. I have replaced the originals tires, load range C with 8 ply load range D.

If you have doubts about having fun at the National Meets, don't worry. There is no better time to have a Great Time with friends.

Model "A" Email MVRMARC

By David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

This is another reminder about our Group Email. Please remember when you reply, you send it to everyone in the group. Rules for thought are, if this benefits everyone, then reply to the group. If the reply only pertains to the sender, then change the "TO" to the sender. The volume replies to various group emails causes us to have members opt out. The latest series was the Kirkwood display. Two members opted out. If you have any questions on how to execute the two different ways, please contact me and I will explain and show you how. Thank you.

Museum of Transportation



Photos by Bob Austin

Safety Check



Photos by Bob Austin, Phil Ierardi & Lance Klingemann





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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

For Sale: 1931 Coupe w/Rumble seat restored. \$13,500 1931 Tudor restored (Green on Green) \$12,500. Many Misc parts for your Model "A"
Junior Linenfels 618.644.9242 or 618.407.7043

For Sale: 1973 Buick Electra 225 4 Dr. Hardtop, 2nd owner. 59K Actual Miles. Full Power, AM/FM 8 Track, Cold Factory A/C, remote side mirrors, Beige, brown vinyl top, tan leather upholstery. Looks & drives great. Drive Home. \$7,000 OBO. 1930 Model "A" radiator needs to be re-cored \$50 OBO
David Smith 314.895.3416 or 314.550.5853

For Sale: 1949 Crosley w/custom wood body. Ran when put in the garage, cranks, will not fire. Normal wear & tear, dings & dents. \$1800 cash or trade 4 running Model "A" chassis. **Jack Holahan** 314-487-9353

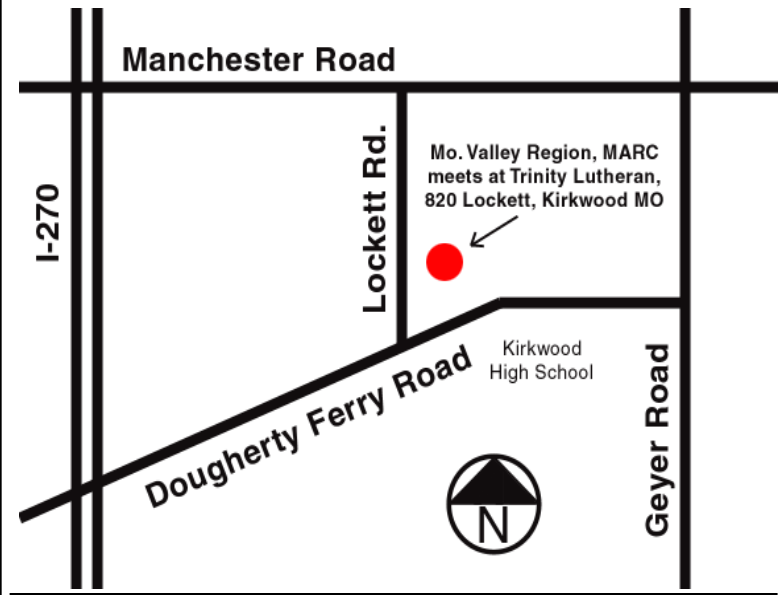
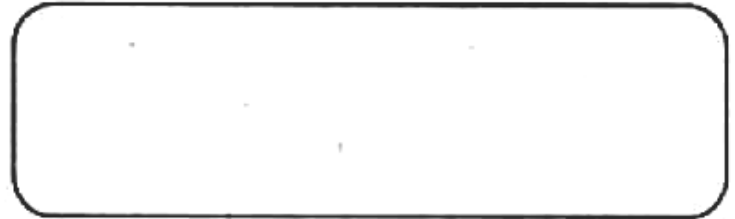
Wanted: Junk or rusted Model "A" gas tank and choke rod bracket. **David Hitt** 314.842.5267

For Sale: Phaetons still in the box wrapped in the original plastic paper. These are the Joseph L. Ertl, INC which were the last scale models of die cast Hubley produced. \$25.00 each, I have a case of these models.
Bob Taylor 314.662.3022

Wanted: A Drum Taillight & Brake Light
Bob Barger 314.606.4118 doublebee4u@aol.com

Did you know that the actual number of the 20,000,000 Model 'A' is **4521600?**

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

Things I gotta do:

- 1) Have fun at our club events
- 2) Attend all of our Monthly meetings (get Perfect Attendance Award)
- 3) Write a newsletter article
- 4) Become our newsletter editor
- 5) Get involved with your club!!!

