



# THE Valley News

June 2011

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 Taylor 636.274.3022

The 2011 Midwest Regional Meet was fun and HOT. **Gene & Dayna** along with **Bert & Alice** drove and returned home in their Model A's without any problems. There was only one scare during the tour. I thought that I ran out of gas. It was LUCKY for me that it was just a condenser that delayed us from returning to the hotel. **Bob & Nell** and **Kathy & I** trailed our trailer queens to KC. **Jeff** had problems with his truck and the **Buckley** family arrived late in a new Ford Flex on Monday. We picked up on the way three more Model A's, **Dean Bittick**, **Ken Webb**, & **Ron Kleindienst** a friend of **Ken Webb**. The Kansas Speedway was fun, but the highlight of the tour was, you guess it, **Cole Buckley**. You're thinking that he won again at the Hubley Race. He did but he stole the show when **Ron Guenther**, Regional Chairman, asked **Cole** to pull the attendance prize tickets. Well **Cole** just took the Microphones away from **Ron** and like a true MC host of a game show had the entire audience laughing and in tears throughout the performance. It was a performance. He would call out the number and then call out "Come on Down" or call the number again and say "Where are you?" This went on for about 50 attendance prizes and **Cole** didn't miss a beat. If the major TV stations were there **Cole** would have an early career. There will be a more information about the tour at the July Meeting, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks goes to Tom **Holtgrave** for stepping in for me as "president for a day" handling the June meeting. I was told that he looked like he belonged on the altar. The startup party was just another great day to spend with friends. **Bill's** Model A was a little stubborn about



starting but after 2 hour and 15 minutes of hard work it started, smoked, and drove out of **Mark's** garage. The club is very lucky to have **Mark** give us his facility for our start-up party and thanks to **Bob Austin** for trailering **Bill's** car to **Mark's** garage. Find out more at the meeting.

A couple of items coming up: July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Columbia, IL. **Myrna** and **Jim Schild** have invited the club to participate in the Grand Opening of the new Welcome Center which is a 150 year old restored School House.

Lunch will be served so **Myrna** needs to know how many club members are planning to attend. Sign-up sheet will be available at the July Meeting. Also there will be a sign up sheet for the Car show on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the O'Fallon Baptist Church, and the September 10<sup>th</sup> party at the **Beishir's** Home. You don't want to miss any of the activities so plan early. The basement isn't scheduled to be finished, meet upstairs in July.

**Phil** has some more good news concerning the museum fund drive. The military packages are being sent each month and the silent auction in June added \$50.00 to the postage balance

thanks to **Jim & Cheryl Preston**. July we will have for auction a pail pump and a Five Gallon pail of motor oil with one free refill. The value is \$100.00.

Many thanks to Gene Cogorno and Bob Austin for pictures and Photo ideas.



TO GET / AWAY FROM / HAIRY

*See Last page for a special honor our member received. The award is well deserved.*

**Next meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 - 7:30 pm**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri**

## January Minutes

By Jack Handle

Since **President Taylor** was attending the regional meeting in Overland Park, KS, and **Greg Piel** was absent due to illness, **Tom Holtgrave** chaired our Club's June meeting. **Dayna Cogorno** was also at the regional meeting, so there was no treasurer's report. Our usual meeting room at the Church was undergoing renovation, so we met in the Chapel.

**Sonny Ketchum** thanked **Neal Clavers** for his splendid work last month as the coordinator of the Penitentiary Tour in Jefferson City. The trip was enjoyable, but there were mechanical issues during the tour. The **Schott's** Town Sedan developed an ignition problem, and the **Bechtol's** Roadster had a cooling system issue. There were no catastrophic car problems. We were grateful to learn that all participants were allowed to leave the prison after the tour was over.

**Phil Ierardi** gave an update on the MAFFI fundraising campaign for the Ford Model "A" Museum. MVR MARC has raised in excess of \$10,000 for the campaign, and more than 50% of our members have made a donation. Those who have not yet made a contribution were asked to consider doing so.

We were reminded that September 10, 2011 is International Model "A" Day. As fate would have it, the **Beishir's** are hosting the Club at their place in Farmington, MO on that day. **Tom Holtgrave** reported that our club's silent auction proceeds had helped to fund 6 packages for military personnel deployed overseas. The Club's bylaws have been updated, and will soon be available on the website at [www.modelclub.org](http://www.modelclub.org).

Club members were encouraged to contact **Greg Piel** with ideas for tours, and volunteer to coordinate these events. **Phil Ierardi** mentioned that SEMA has proclaimed July 8, 2011 to be Collector Car Appreciation Day. **Myrna Schild** mentioned that their 1947 Rolls-Royce will be on display thru this October at MOT.

There wasn't a technical session. One question concerned buying a windshield for a Model 'A'. **Fred Burk** suggested Kirkwood Glass. Sources for 6V car batteries were discussed (Wholesale Batteries in O'Fallon, MO & Electro Battery in Maryland Heights). **John Wheeler** presented a problem that he was having with a Zenith-2 carburetor on a '31 Tudor. The float valve had been replaced multiple times with different styles of valves, and the float level adjusted, but there was still a severe gas leak from the carburetor.

## Coker Tire Buy

By Bill Mayne 636.699.3317

I have talked to a rep at Coker Tire and he indicated that a purchaser of 25 or more tires is eligible for a 10 to 15 percent discount plus reduced shipping costs. At the present time, **Gene Appelbaum**, **Jack Deveney** and myself are on the list for a total of 16 tires and a number of tubes and rim flaps. We are getting close but still need a few more buyers to be able to price

## Random Thoughts

By Jack Handle

Hello, and welcome to another installment of Random Thoughts, the column that is irregular in content as well as interval of publication. With the summer driving season upon us, this might be a good time to mention the coolant system additive, Water Wetter®. This product improves cooling system heat transfer and makes engines run 20° cooler. This additive has been in the shoddily restored Tudor's coolant since 2010, and has performed well.

Another product that might be of use is Slip-Plate®. This is a graphite spray that is applied to the bottom surfaces of the leaves of the front and rear spring prior to reassembly. Please see **Les Andrew's** mechanics manual for further details. Though **Les's** book says that the product is available from John Deere, this is no longer the case. But it can still be purchased from NAPA parts stores, or ordered online at [www.slipplate.com](http://www.slipplate.com)

In past years, there were no parade miles driven until the month of November. But we received an invitation, thanks to **Mayor Oberer**, to participate in "Parade to the Park" in Cedar Hill, MO on 5-28-11. This parade precedes the Memorial Service to honor fallen Veterans. **Gene** and **Dayna Cogorno** participated with their splendidly restored Fordor. Veteran **Ralph Hardin** rode in the Fordor, and Veteran **Gale Wiley** was the passenger in my car. **Cheryl Preston** was the club photographer for the parade, with an assist from **Dayna**, and **Coco**. The ride to and from Cedar Hill was uneventful. Prior to the event, I had re-torqued the cylinder head, changed the oil, and aired up the tires on the Tudor. Gene mentioned that he had snugged the lug nuts on the Fordor.

As I was preparing this column, the May-June, 2011 issue of Model "A" News arrived. As is my habit, I first read **Roger Kauffman's** technical column. Though **Mayor Oberer** and other MVR MARC members have been my primary source for advice for mechanical repairs, I looked at the two technical columns in the national club magazines to supplement my automotive mechanical knowledge. I was saddened to learn of **Mr. Kauffman's** passing, and his replacement will have big shoes to fill. The mileage awards were also listed in the May-June issue. Congratulations to Club President **Bob Taylor** (10,000), and fellow Club member **David Egertson** (2,000) on their mileage awards. And we thank Club member **Jeff Buckley** for tabulating and submitting the miles to MARC for us.

We look forward to the Veterans Day Parade in November. There was a record turnout of Model "A's" for the parade in 2010. And we hope to maintain or exceed that level of participation this year. Fellow Club members **Gene** and **Mary Ann Wetzel** do fantastic work as event organizers. We have a very nice breakfast before the parade, and it is a very

## Upcoming Events 2010

by **Robie Haines 636.274.5023**

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

- Jul 5** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett  
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
- Jul 23** Sat, Columbia Historic Tour  
**\*\* Myrna Shield 618.281.3311**
- Aug 2** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett  
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
- Aug 27** Sat, O'Fallon Car Show  
**\*\* John Wheeler 636.485.0065**
- Sep 6** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett  
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
- Sep 10** Tour at Ted & Jeanette's Home in Farmington  
**Ted Beishir 573.756.7758**
- Sep 25** Sun, Ladies Night & National Model 'A' Day  
6:00 pm, Andre's **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
- Oct 4** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett  
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
- Oct 22**, Sat, Bon-Fire—Chili  
**Dayna Cogorno 314.434.1064**
- Nov 5** Sat, Veterans Day Parade  
**Gene Wetzel 314.544.5559**
- Nov 6 or 13** Sun, Don McCallie Farm Tour  
**Don McCallie 636.452.3407**
- Nov 1** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett  
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
- Dec 4** Sun, Die Hard  
**Tom Holtgrave 314.576.4795**
- Dec 6** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett  
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor 636.274.3022**
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## July Meeting Technical Session

A recap of the Start-up Party, maybe the best one ever.

The Start-Up party was a great time and a little more of a challenge than most of the others. Directive from **Terry...** **Genes** Video, play be play from **Neil**, The **Ketchum** BBQ crew, and of course **Mark** and many more folks helped make everything a success. I might add that the time would have been a lot longer if someone would have not handed me the piston and rod from **Junior**.

**Larry Shepard** will give a detail account of the start up car, 'Virginia'. Several members have stated that since there was so much work to do on the car, a detail account would be very interesting for those that were not there and still interesting to those who were present.

enjoyable experience. Please consider joining us.

## First Baptist Car Show

By **John Wheeler 636.485.0065**

First Baptist Church would like to invite the Model 'A' club to a car show in O'Fallon, MO. We will have our third annual car show at First Baptist Church in O'Fallon, MO on August 27, 2011. As in the past there is no charge for anything: no registration fee, no charge for soft drinks, water, food, or anything. I can provide starting times, award times, map directions etc in a few days. The address of the church is 8750 Veteran's Memorial Parkway, O'Fallon, MO 63366. The church phone number is 636.272.4838.

**Directions:** From I-70 west. Exit O'Fallon exit (211 mile marker) & turn left at the stop light. Go one block south on Highway M to Veteran's Memorial Parkway & turn right. Go about one block to the church and enter the west driveway (near Domino's Pizza), registration desk is there. We usually have 225-250 cars.

From I 64 (US route 61) going west toward Wentzville: Exit the O'Fallon, MO exit at Highway M and go north 6 miles to Veterans Memorial Highway and turn left at the stop light. Go about one block west to the church and enter the west driveway to the registration desk.

My wife **Marilyn** & I will be in that area. We will have a special parking area & parking guides for the Model 'A' club & will have restrooms & other facilities.

## July Tour

By **Myrna Shield 618.281.3311**

I am on the Historic Preservation Commission in Columbia, IL and we have a special day planned for the City on July 23rd. The tour begins at Route 3 and Gall Road at 10:00 a.m. free Dedication of the Monroe County Welcome Center/Historic 150 year old School Museum and 3 different one room school houses (All w/AC). During the time frame of 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. there are free tours of three area historic schools and the Model A's could drive to the sites. At 6:00 p.m. there is a free program at the Falls Center which includes reminiscences from teachers & students and a premier film showing of "Country School: One Room, One Nation". Contact [www.columbiaillinois.com](http://www.columbiaillinois.com) for more info on the evening program. Vintage cars, clothing or anything for the period are welcome.

I will send you more info on food details. There are great choices of area restaurants, if we decide to use them as a group or individuals. There are other possibilities, too. Sign up Sheet at July Meeting.

**Help with newsletter. Will the kind gentleman who called me to help please call me again. In my haste, CRS, and old age, I forgot to write it down.**

Next Months newsletter is a challenge as my house is under a total remodel and the computer is on a shelf in the basement. I will try very hard. Thank you. 314.221.1444, David

## May 21<sup>st</sup>...Doomsday? Not even close!

By Bert Schott 636.519.0431

Some forecasted the end of the world and horrific stormy weather for our Jefferson City venture. It may have scared some people off but six Model A's and some modern iron showed up and toured triumphantly to Jefferson City. We owe kudos to **Neil** and **Mary Clavers** who preplanned every detail of this trip meticulously by providing maps for every destination, menus for restaurants and led us to roads less traveled under sunny skies.

The itinerary was perfectly timed as we left the Down Under a little after 7:30 AM and were joined by a few more adventurers along the way. All told, our group totaled about 27 Model "A" aficionados. After our 130 mile cruise and a few brief stops, we arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary, also known as "The Walls". **Bob Robison**, who is one of our members and also a member of the Jefferson City MARC, showed up with some of his local club friends for a meet and great session and some car talk.

The prison tour was cool, dark, grim, and enlightening with a very impressive history. Built in 1836, it's the oldest penitentiary west of the Mississippi and was in operation until 2004. While the volunteer tour guides were interesting and very knowledgeable, the prison ambiance was anything but inviting. Visitors enter a damp and dreary central control center with a glass shielded guard booth that could not be penetrated with a .45 magnum. Tour guides, some were ex-guards, described the elaborate check process, prisoner traffic control and stories of riots, violence, murder and weapons. We went through a court yard and to jail cells where we were told about the daily routines of the 5,000 plus prisoners housed in the several oppressive looking buildings in deplorable conditions. As a prisoner, **Sonny Liston** learned to box there and "Pretty Boy" **Floyd** occupied a cell before he became a celebrity thug. Stories of the dungeons, the "**Bobby Greenlease**" kidnapping and the gas chamber were chilling. We were led to the gas chamber for photo ops and fortunately it was not in operation. We departed to a sunnier destination...The Central Ice Cream Parlor and thoroughly enjoyed every bite. After checking in at the hotel, **Neil** led us to the Prison Brews pub & relaxed with good friends, music beer & tasty food.

After our Sunday breakfast we embarked on a tour to the Auto World Museum in Fulton. Over 80 exceptional examples of Fords, Packard's, Rolls Royce's, Franklins, Pierce Arrows, Scripts-Howard and others we never heard of, were on display. It would have been difficult to pick a favorite. **Jeff Buckley** led us home with a mystery tour on roads that were probably not even on a map. Our new member, **Frankie Bechtol** had some heating problems with his nifty roadster. **Bob Austin** came to the rescue by giving it a ride in his trailer while putting his sedan on the road. We beat the storms and tornados home and rested our Model A's. Doomsday?...not even close!

## Penitentiary Tour

By Neil Clavers 314.781.4121

The early morning sky looked as if it would rain as we assembled at the Down Under parking lot on Saturday morning May 21<sup>st</sup>. Driving their Model A's were **Bob & Kathy Taylor**, **Bert & Alice Schott**, **Jeff & Terri Buckley**, and **David Stukenbroeker** with **Linda Bucher & Fran Cummings**. **Bob & Neil Austin** brought their "A" in the trailer (which turned out to be a blessing for **Frank & Darlene Bechtol**). Also on the trip were **Jennifer & Cole Buckley**, **Neil & Mary Clavers**, **Jim & Pat Clark**, **Ted & Jeanette Beishir**, **Gene & Dayna Cogorno**, and **Sonny & Barb Ketchum**. We added **Frank & Darlene Bechtol** along with **Jason & Deanna Zwyers** when the tour group passed through Union, our first rest stop on the way to Jefferson City.

Our first unscheduled stop was at a rest area when **Bert's** car somehow lost its number 4 spark plug connector. Fortunately **David Stukenbroeker** had an extra connector in his box of "goodies". Also by that time our group had at least a dozen cars behind us waiting to get by. The second planned pit stop was at the McDonald's in Linn to refresh ourselves. Then it was on to Jeff City. However, **Frank Bechtol's** "A" had another idea which was to overheat. The consensus was that since the car had not been run very much for a few years and it needed to have new fluid in the radiator. It made quite the scene on the highway as the smoke came billowing out from under the hood. As luck would have it, we were only about 10 minutes from the hotel. President **Taylor** did the honors of putting water back in the radiator, usually he is pouring gas into his own tank. **Frank** then drove to a nearby gas station to get more water. Once again the troops rallied around to get one of our beloved automobiles back on the highway.

At the hotel, **Bob Austin** unloaded his car and then we proceeded to the prison for the tour. **Ray Miller** was our guide along with a sweetheart of a lady named **Naydene** as his assistant. We did see **Jim Ruth's** cell, and we located **Sonny Liston's** on the first floor also. **Ray** fascinated us for 2 hours with numerous stories of this historic facility and the role it has played in our state's history. We were allowed to go into the prison cells, the dungeon area and sit in the gas chamber chairs, WOW!

After the tour we needed to refresh ourselves at Central Dairy with delicious ice cream. So many flavors to choose from! Back to the hotel to rest up for our next stop Prison Brews restaurant. Being able to sit out on the patio was very relaxing while enjoying good food and drink. They had a "sample tray" of their 7 beers. How was that sample tray **David Stukenbroeker**? A couple of musicians provided entertainment.

Sunday morning came too early. After assembling in the lobby we went to Oscar's Classic Diner for breakfast. It is nicely decorated as a 50's style diner.

# Cedar Hill Parade



# Fulton Car Museum



## Archive Photos we found of Jim Ruth during his "Short" stint in the Pen



Keys they threw away when Jim was locked up

No one is watching. I hate having to put my own gas in.

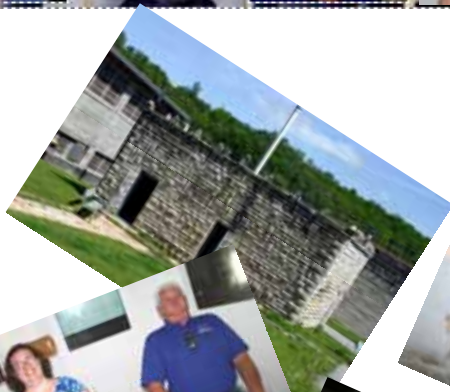


Today, **Jim Ruth** is the president of DA (Donuts Anonymous). Please be sure to tell him you Are very proud of him and at all times, Help keep him away from donuts. (Don't mention the soap incident)

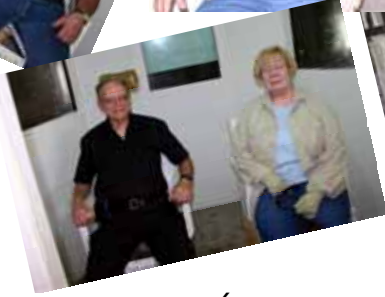
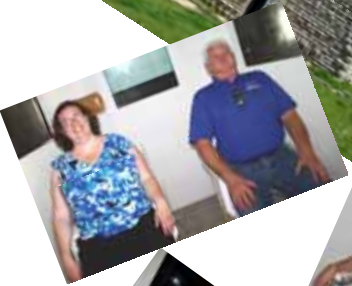
# MO State Penitentiary Rogers Gallery



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I think I know some of the people in the line-up



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I saw a framed picture of **Roy Rogers** and **Gabby Hayes** I would have liked to bring home with me.

With breakfast over it was time to say goodbye. My wife and I went to Columbia to visit our son. Some went to Fulton to view the car museum while others went with **Frank Bechtol** to make sure he made it home safely. I also heard some were going to Hermann for wine tasting, then to a biker bar.

**Wanted:** I am looking to buy a "correct" tire pump & jack & handle for my 1931 tool kit.

**Mark Schenberg** 314.991.2277

**For Sale:** Dust collector for a workshop. Like new, sold by Grizzley Tool. \$200. Can send pics via e-mail

**John Wheeler** 636.240.9340 [jhw1936@charter.net](mailto:jhw1936@charter.net)

**Wanted:** Missing Model "A" Restorers magazines. May '62, May-Jun '64, Nov- Dec 64 and May-Jun '09

**Fred Burk** 314.821.6072

**Wanted:** 29 frame.. 21' wheels.

**Ken Webb** 314.494.8176 [Klwebb52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Klwebb52@sbcglobal.net)

**For Sale:** 1929 Roadster fully restored w/side mount, leather trunk & much more. **Bill Link** 314.965.5465

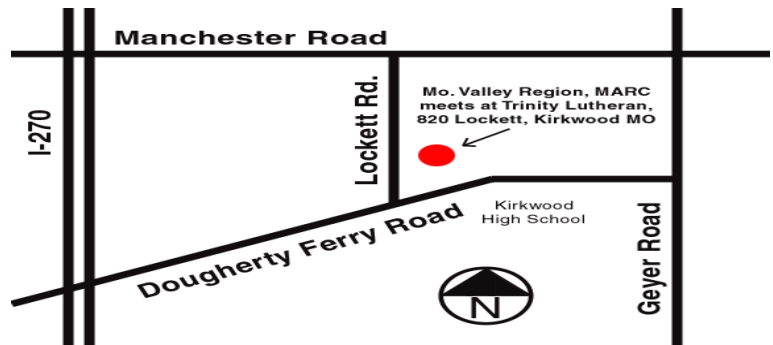
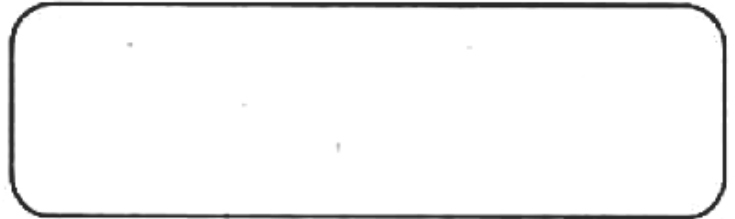
**Services:** Expert Mechanical rebuilding, 30 years experience, Engines rebuilt, transmissions, brakes, electrical, F&R Axles, Car assembly, Tune-Up & More

**Larry Shepard** 636.947.4515

**For Sale:** I have the following parts for Ford Model T - 1 pair of running board aprons for a "26-27 sedan (that is what they looked similar to in a parts catalog). Already painted a nice gloss black - \$40. Also 1pair of used axle shafts - \$30. **Jim Preston** 314.353.4592

David Stukenbroeker  
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## First Class Mail



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Congratulations

Gene Cogorno received in the mail a box from MARC which intrigued him. When he opened it up and was surprised to get a plaque from MARC that reads **"Model A Restorers Club Best MARC Showcase Article 2010 Gene Cogorno "On The Road Again"** - No one ever knew they voted on this stuff, but what a well deserved honor.

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