



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 Bob Taylor 636.274.3022

Everyone one is back from Hershey safe & sound. I heard that **Larry** did very well.

Ladies Day was Sunday September 25th during the afternoon. Even with the date being in question we had 72 members signed up and 61 actually attending. All the ladies received a long stem rose, thanks to **Phil Ierardi**. Several members drove their Model A's and it seemed that everyone had a great time. **Jim Ruth** supplied the art work on the program cards. I will have a few at the next meeting if anyone would like to have one. Attendance prizes and trivia winner all received a gift. All prizes and gifts were compliments of sponsors and friends. The club only paid for the ladies that attended and the no shows. The bartender's fee was waived also.



October is another busy month, so make sure you mark your calendar. There are several activities, **Jeff Buckley's** cruise in Wellston at Federal Mogul on Friday Oct 14th, **Dayna's** bon-fire on Oct 22nd, and the Veterans Day parade on November 5th, Saturday. Other activities in November are **Ken Michler's** Haunted Hay ride on November 5th starting at dark, the **McCallie** Farm tour on November 12th, the Kimmswick Holiday Parade on November 19th, and the Die Hard on December 4th. The Annual Banquet will be held on January 7th @ 6:00pm Saturday. The cost will be \$18.00 for singles and \$35.00 for couples. You can sign up at the November meeting or by calling or emailing me. Send all the money to **Dayna**. You can pay your dues along with the Banquet charge. Both need to be paid by December 16th. The banquet will be held at Andre's in Fenton. Andre's is on old Highway 141 off of Old Highway 30. Take Highway 141 to Old Highway 30 and turn east. Go just less than one

mile and turn right, following signs and turn right into Andre's on top of the hill. This is a single venue so we will have the entire place to ourselves'.

I have told the RV club who is packaging the packages for the military that we have enough money to ship one package a month until the end of 2012. Thanks to all of our members who purchased and supplied the auction items and to all the members that gave donations. I felt very proud of the Model "A" membership when I told the RV package committeeman that our club had taken care of the postage for next year. WHAT A GREAT FEELING. Another great job accomplished by our membership.

Phil gave us an update concerning the Museum. It takes a lot of money to build this show case for the Model A's, but our club knows it very worthwhile. **Phil Ierardi**, a member of the 2010-2011 MAFFI Board of Trustees returned from the annual meeting. Don't miss the meeting in November for more information and pictures that were taken on his trip to the building site. If you are not a MAFFI member you can join the rest of us by sending in you membership application and \$25.00. See **Phil**. The quarterly newsletter will keep you informed about the building of the Ford Museum. Also consider buying a "Brick" (\$150.00). So far, our club has contributed over \$19,000.00. **Phil** has some special information concerning the donations.

Two items for discussion at the November meeting will be invitation from the National to host the 2014 or 2015 membership meeting and the possibility to have a silent auction as a fund raiser for the museum. The nomination chairman, **Jeff Buckley**, will also take care of the nominations & election activities.

Don't Stick/Your Elbow/Out too Far/It Might Go Home/In Another Car/BURMA SHAVE

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

Veterans Day Parade

Gene & Mary Ann Wetzel 314.544.5559

Saturday, November 5th at 12:00 noon

Breakfast at 8:30 AM at SQWIRES RESTAURANT, 18th and Park Ave. We will line up the "A"s in front on their parking lot. Use FLAGS or anything to decorate. After breakfast, we will proceed to our line up position on the parade route. There will be a sign up sheet at the October 12th meeting or call me at 314.544.5559 or a return email will be fine. Will need: Name, Phone Number, and how many to attend the breakfast.



Annual McCallie Farm Tour

By Don McCallie 636.452.3407

The **McCallie**, Wild Flower Farm tour will be held Saturday, October 30. Come see all the animals and how the wool is processed along with our Wind and Solar power system. We will start gathering at 3:00 pm, tour the farm at 4:00 and eat at 5:30. We will light the fire pit as weather requires. **McCallie's** will have hot cider, water, soda, pumpkin dip, meat & bread and the infamous potato soup. A-M please bring a side dish or salad, N-Z please bring desert. Our address is 8854 State Road Y, Dittmer, Mo 63023. From 270 take Gravois Road (Hwy 30) west about 25 miles. We are past House Springs, Cedar Hill and the road will become two lane. Past Dittmer 3-4 miles turn left onto Hwy Y. Go 3 1/2 miles on Y. We are on the right and have a white sign at our drive on the right that says Wild Flower Farm. The gate code is 1234.



Die Hard

By Tom Holtgrave 314.809.3305

Sunday Dec. 4 will be the die hard tour this year. It will be at Babler Park again as usual. The group will meet at the Down Under parking lot at 11A.M. and **David Stukenbroeker** will lead the group and leave at 11.30A.m. The charge per person has gone up to \$4.00 per person for the facility. A thru L bring dessert M thru Z bring a side dish. The club will provide meat and soda, bring your own if you want something else. There is a \$5.00 charge per person for guests. Payable at the event. Let's make sure we bring as many old cars as possible. Please either sign up at the meeting or R.S.V.P. to **Tom Holtgrave** at 314-809-3305 by Nov.29. See you at the die hard.

October Minutes

By Jim Clark 636.441.5770

The October 4th meeting was called to order by President **Bob Taylor** at 7:25 p.m. **John Wheeler** requested two changes to September's minutes. It was **John Stoecker** who had a close call with heart health issues, and John's friend's name is **Lynn Holloway**, who may become a new member. New paid members are **John Gibbons**, **Harry Gore**, and **Dick Heitzman**, welcome aboard. The treasurer's report was read by **Dayna Cogorno**. We have at least \$6,700. An announcement was made that **Jack Rehagen** has some health problems and has sold his Model "A". **Dave Smith** has the name tags he ordered for 9 members. **Phil Ierardi** gave us an update on the museum. The first model "A" day at the museum site has taken place. They announced to local clubs it would be nice to have 30 to 40 Model A's show up. It was estimated that 140 to 150 showed up. They have \$730,000 and with commitments for another 60-70 thousand more. This puts the building portion of the museum about \$100,000 shy of starting. They discussed maybe making a smaller building to get the project going. **Terry Oberer** went with **Phil** and donated \$5,000 dollars putting him in the Edsel Club. Nice job **Terry!!** **Phil** will have pictures of the event and a DVD showing a virtual tour of the museum, at the next club meeting. Current total of our clubs donations is \$19,685. If you want a brick **Phil** has the order forms. We voted on what our club brick is going to have on it. We have three lines

Greg Piel discussed all of the upcoming events; most have signup sheets so the organizers can make plans. We have the Bon Fire, **McCallie** farm party, Kimmswick parade, need head count for Blue Owl lunch, Die hard, Nov 5th parade will start at 8:30am with breakfast at Squires, Saturday January 7th the Banquet. **Bert Schott** asked if club still wanted to do the coats and scarves collection for the church, response was a strong yes. **Bob Taylor** said we have enough money to send packages to our soldiers for the rest of this year and next. A large part of this has been paid for by the generous donation of **Bill Sorrels**, thanks **Bill**. **Bob Taylor** said we need someone to be responsible for the miscellaneous cooking, and serving items the club stores. He had to throw out a lot of items that were contaminated, which is expensive and wasteful. **Bob** also said a request had been made for our club to hold a National event in 2014 or 2015. Our club has been good at this in the past, but it is a huge commitment requiring help from a lot of our members, we need to think about it. **Bob** thanked **Jim Ruth** for the great artwork on the cards given to the ladies on ladies night. The 50/50 drawing was held and **Fred Burk** told a very funny joke. Motion to adjourn by **Jim Schild** and seconded by **Jim Ruth**

Ladies Night



Upcoming Events 2010

by **Robie Haines** 636.274.5023

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

- Nov 1** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett
Kirkwood MO **Bob Taylor** 636.274.3022
- Nov 5** Sat, Veterans Day Parade
** **Gene Wetzel** 314.544.5559
- Nov 12** Sat, Don McCallie Farm Tour
** **Don McCallie** 636.452.3407
- Nov 19** Sat, Kimmswick Holiday Parade
** **Jim Preston** 314.353.4592
- Dec 6** 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
- Jan 7** Sat, Awards Banquet, 6:00 pm Andre's Fenton
Bob Taylor 636.274.3022

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SANTA NEEDS YOU!

Don't forget to bring hats, gloves and scarves for kids and adults to support our annual church drive to the Die Hard or December Meeting. Let's spread the warmth of the holidays.

Kimmswick Holiday Parade

By **Jack Handle**

The annual Holiday Parade in Kimmswick, MO will be held on Saturday, November 19th. MVR MARC members who want to participate can register on the sign-up sheet that will be posted at the monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but still plan to participate, you can contact **Jim Preston**. We hope to have a final count in the week before the parade so that we can make reservations for lunch at the Blue Owl following the parade.

Members who are driving their Model A's should rendezvous in the parking lot behind the school (7th St. and High St.). We will gather in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and the parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. **Jim Ruth** has said that he will return from his hunting trip in Colorado in time to attend. I spoke with **Mary** and **Jerry**, and they are preparing their '31 Coupe. And the shoddily restored Tudor is in a constant state of parade readiness. We look forward to the parade, lunch, and our chance to meet **Santa**

Random Thoughts

By **Jack Handle**

Hello, and welcome to another installment of Random Thoughts, the column with the irregular author and content. It took some industrial strength cleansers and vigorous scrubbing, but I think I may have finally removed all the grease from the rear axle soiree at Jeff's shop. It was great fun to disassemble that gaggle of old Model "A" axles, and I do hope that **Larry Shepard** was able to find some reusable parts. It does appear that he has the market cornered when it comes to differential gear cases and the rectangular headed bolts that hold them together. This is good, since no reproduction parts are available for the cases or bolts.

The fall season has arrived, and with it, the perennial events that this author enjoys. As I write this, **Mayor Oberer** is making his way to the Hershey Swap Meet. The last Sunday in September was the Francis Park Art in the Park Car Show. This year's show found the shoddily restored Tudor nestled between a PT Cruiser and a custom retro looking street rod. I look forward to the Bon-Fire at the Stukenbroeker manse, with hot dogs roasted over a roaring fire. And plans are in the works for the St. Louis Veterans Day and Kimmswick Holiday parades. We hope to enjoy a nice breakfast before the former, and a great lunch at the Blue Owl after the latter. There are many miles to be driven to earn those MARC mileage awards.

And speaking of MARC Mileage Awards, I had the award emblem engraved for the 2,000 mile award not long ago. The engraving was done by Ray Orf's Bowling & Trophy Shop located at 9516 Gravois, St. Louis, MO, 63123. They charged \$5.00 for the work, and the turnaround time was about one week. The radiator emblem looked so nice that I have been reluctant to bolt it to the radiator on the shoddily restored Tudor. I do plan to break out the miniature U.S.A. flags to bolt to the front bumper for the Veterans Day Parade though.



Heartwarming Car Story

Submitted by Bill Sorrels 636.933.5112

Can you imagine having the same car for 82 years!
How long have you owned a Car?

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield MA) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly P1 Roadster from his father, brand new – as a graduation gift in 1928. He drove it up until his death last year ...at the age of 102!! He is the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new. It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death.

With 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition after 82 years. That's approximately 13,048 miles per year, 1,087 per month.

Swift, who died in October 2005 at the age of 102, was a legend among Rolls-Royce collectors for owning his green Phantom I, S273 FP Rolls longer than anyone in the world had ever owned an individual Rolls-Royce. In recognition of that fact, Rolls-Royce Motors presented him with a crystal *Spirit of Ecstasy* award at the Rolls-Royce meeting in 1994.

Swift and the Springfield Museums were brought together through a network of antique automobile collectors. In 2002, when he was 99 years old, he approached the Museums to discuss finding a new home for his Rolls-Royce. Confident in the Springfield Museums' ability to care for the automobile and to tell the story of Rolls-Royce manufacturing in Springfield, Swift indicated that he would donate his car if a building could be found to house it.

In the summer of 2005, the Springfield Museums became aware that the Verizon building, adjacent to the Museums, was available for purchase. **Joseph Carvalho**, president of the Springfield Museums, and **Guy McLain**, director of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, shared that information with **Swift** and described how the building could be converted into a museum. In September, Swift's attorney informed the Museums that **Swift** would donate the money to purchase the building.

The Springfield Museums will take possession of the building in June and will launch a fund-raising campaign to renovate it. When complete, the new Museum of Springfield History will display wide range of remarkable artifacts that tell the rich and multidimensional history of this city.



Model "A" Ford Museum Status

By Phil Ierardi 314.692.2123

Below is a summary of the Model "A" Ford Museum status which has been sent to all Model "A" Clubs via each club's liaison. It summarized where MAFFI is today and what still needs to be done. Rather than talk about it at a club meeting, I felt it was more appropriate that all our members read the whole letter. If anyone is thinking of joining MAFFI making a donation or buying a "brick" with your special info on it, now is the time to do it so that funds are available to start construction in the spring of 2012. I will have forms available for a brick at our meetings or will send you one if you call me. Remember, the museum is for the benefit of all Model "A" Ford enthusiasts.

Dear Museum Liaison Members;

Hello again! We have just returned from our first annual Model "A" get together at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory corners, MO. If you aren't familiar with the Gilmore museum, you can look at their web site at <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/>. It was a wonderful event that helped to raise an additional \$11,000 for the construction of the National Model "A" Museum there. We hope you are as enthused as we are about the prospect of this Model "A" Museum becoming a reality. We have an approved concept of a design and continue to push hard to meet the fund raising goals necessary to begin construction.

As you may know, MAFFI has existed for over twenty years working to reach this point. **The goal from the very beginning has been to establish a museum.** This goal is what allows us to be an IRS 501c3 organization to which donations of any kind are tax deductible. That is how we are different for the MARC and MAFCA.

So what is the fund raising situation at present? Over \$730,000 has been raised and more has been informally pledged!! It is estimated that to build a 12,000 sq. ft. building could cost \$900,000. To bridge this gap is a big task, but doable with people like you helping. We are working on ways to reduce the building cost while still getting the best structure to hold the history of the Model "A".

We have been brainstorming different ideas on future fundraising activities and have a few in the works. We need to spread the word that bricks are for sale for the walkway in front of the build for \$150. Brick order forms are available on the MAFFI website, <http://www.maffi.org>, or if your club needs a pad, let us know. Huff & Puff is located in Houston, TX and will be making its trek to its new home sometime in the future and we will be enlisting pledges, tour followings, and possibly riders for this historic event. Other vehicles coming to their new home could have the same hoopla. There is also a donor brochure that lists different donation levels that are available if needed.

In addition, we would like to challenge each club chapter to come up with a fundraising of their own in the near future. The goal would be to raise \$10 per club member with the proceeds going to MAFFI for the Museum construction. An ideal time to have this happen would be before construction begins in early Spring. This fund raiser could be a Poker Run, an Auction or a Silent Auction to raise funds, the auction concept would be to have each member bring at least one thing to this auction that is taking up space in their home or garage that they no longer need. This could be a Model "A" part, a Model "A" tool, advertising, a picture, or something else from their home or garage of potential value to the other club members. If this could be done with every Model "A" club member, the fund raising goals could easily be met.

We will try to keep you club members informed of MAFFI's progress and our need to have their help in meeting the goal of making this Museum a reality. We want all Model A'ers to be enthused and involved. Again, many thanks for your role in the Model "A" Museum.

Stanley R. Johnson
President Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.
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Missouri Valley Region Model "A" Restorer's Club Membership Application/Renewal

To join or extend your membership in the Missouri Valley Region, Model "A" Restorer's Club, complete this form and mail it with one year's dues payment of \$25.00 to:

**David Stukenbroeker (MARC)
1156 Vinetta Drive
Saint Louis, MO 63131-4123**

Make checks payable to Missouri Valley Region, MARC.

NOTE: Annual membership terminates in December. Those joining in October or later are "paid up" through the following year.

Your Name: _____	Spouse's Name: _____
Address: _____	Date: _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____

Tell us what collector cars (six maximum) you own. Information will be published in our annual roster of members.

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We encourage you to also join the National Model A Restorers Club (MARC). Dues are currently \$35.00 per year and include a subscription to the bi-monthly magazine *The Model "A" News*. Send national dues directly to **The Model A Restorers Club, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135**.

Our newsletter *The Valley News* is published monthly. If you would like to be notified via email of its availability in the ".PDF" format on our web site (and not receive it via postal service), place an "X" in this box:

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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

Wanted: Usable 1928/9 Model "A" radiator before buying new one. Also, Model "A" A-OO-GA horn, any model, must work. **John Guzman** 573.225.4494

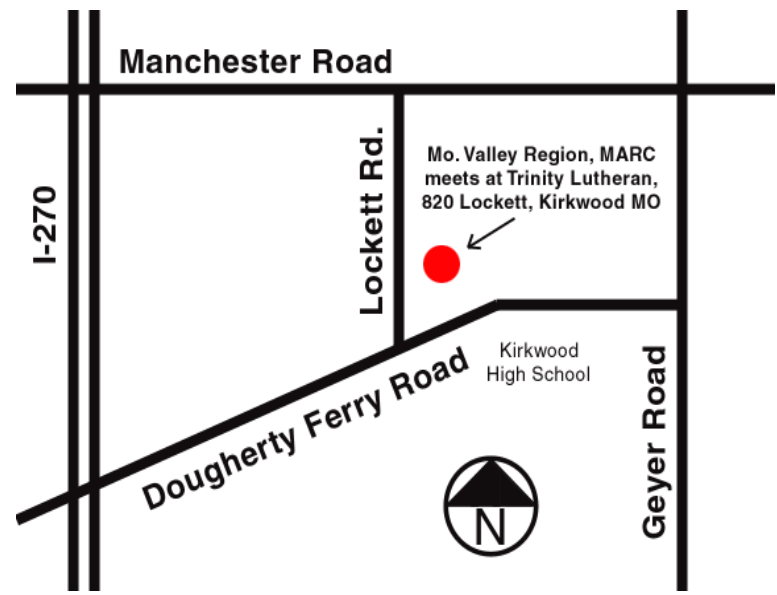
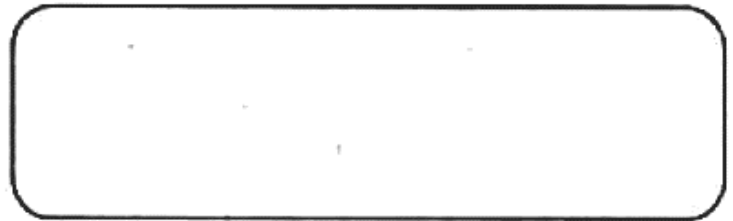
For Sale: 1977 Replicar. Replica of 1931 Ford Phaeton 2/dr. F/G green body, white vinyl conv top. Ford V-8, 302 cu.in. 3-spd auto trans. 2.79:1 rear 9" diff. Hyd power steering, power brakes, tilt wheel, heater, am-FM stereo-tape deck, A-OO-GA horn. A/C, trunk/luggage rack, 2-side mount spare tires. Built 1978. Also called (Glassic). Car # 1121. Was show car first 25 yrs. **Don McCallie** 636.452.3407

For Sale: 1948 Willys Jeep. 6 cyl Buick motor. Needs Tran-ny, & lots body work. \$500. **Don McCallie** 636.452.3407

For Sale: 5 Firestone 21" whitewall tires. They are brand new (still wrapped) I just purchased from Snyder's this spring and did not use them. I decided to go with blackwalls instead. Anyway I paid \$159.00 each, I am asking \$795.00 for all 5. There is no shipping or sales tax involved in that price.
Ted Beishir 573.756.7558

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First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

Things I gotta do

1. Write an article for the newsletter
2. Donate to MAFFI Museum
3. Drive your Model "A" for MAFCA
4. **Save for Your Dues Renewal**
5. Do something nice for someone
6. Give Jim Ruth a Donut

