

THE Valley News

September 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

Thanks to **Jeff Buckley** for filling in for me. **Kathy & I** along with 18 other couples were touring around Lake Superior. We traveled from our door back to our door a total of 3,008.3 miles for the 8 days. The Lake is spectacular along with being very large. Don't tell anyone that I burnt up a set of points and had to wait until the Napa store opened so that I could buy points and condenser, wrench, and screwdriver. I usually run out of gas. The weather was perfect along with a great tour.

The Most Important Day in September is the Ladies Day/Model 'A' Day on Sunday September 25th, 2011 starting at 2:00pm at Andre's located @ 2454 Telegraph RD just South of Highway 270 on the East side of Telegraph RD. We have over 70 members signed up at this point. We are planning a few inside Trivia games, and plenty of time to visit. IF you haven't signed up give me a call and I will be happy to add you to the list. You can pay at the door. If you pay at the door please have your money in an envelope with your name on the envelope. If you are signed up and have a late cancellation please give me a call or email, 314 662 3022, hippo1941@cs.com.

I have just received a generous donation for the postage for the military gift boxes from **Bill Sorrels**. He is sponsoring the postage for SIX PACKAGES. I have notified the RV Club that we have enough postage money to send 10 more boxes to the troops. Thanks **Bill** for your generous gift. I also have asked if it would be possible to send at least 10 more boxes before Christmas. The RV Club will do their best to make this pos-

sible.

Congratulations to **Harry Gore** and **Ed Horton** new members of our club.

Phil Ierardi, a member of the 2010-2011 MAFFI Board of Trustees returned from the annual meeting. Don't miss the meeting in October for more information. 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).

Thanks to all our members that supported the Self Help Auction. \$700.00 was raised at the auction.

September is a busy month and I hope to attend all the rest of the activities. Just a reminder the meeting is Oct 4th, the Brass Car Show at the

M.O.T on Sunday Oct 2nd, The Car Cruise in Wellston at Federal Mogul on Oct 14th, "The Bon-Fire" on Saturday Oct 22nd, "The Veterans Day Parade" on Saturday November 5th, The Green Tree Festival Car Show in Kirkwood park on Oct 18th, The Kimmswick Holiday Parade on Saturday November 19th, and the **McCallie** Farm Tour on Sunday the 6th or 13th. Don't miss the chance to spend time with friends. The weather is going to be just great for all of our activities.

At the August meeting I announced that the National would like us to do a 4 day membership meet in 2014. This is an opportunity for our club to demonstrate our commitment to the preservation of the Ford Model "A". I am sure with a little push **Jeff** will volunteer as Chairman and I am sure we will have many members that will step forward to help.



Next meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

September Minutes

By Jim Clark 636.441.5770

The September 6th meeting was called to order by Vice President **Jeff Buckley** at 7:40 p.m. Motion to accept minutes by **Fred Burk** and seconded by **Gene Wetzel** and they were accepted. Guests were **John Gibbons** and his wife **Betty** and **Lynn Holiday**. **Harry Gore**, a guest last month was back and joined our club, welcome. **John Wheeler** was back after being out the last few months. He had two successful heart operations and is feeling better now. The treasurer's report was read by **Dayna Cogorno**. **Bob Austin** made the motion to accept the report and it was seconded by **Terry Oberer**, it was approved. **Nancy Bollinger** from Self Help Center thanked the club for all the support we have given and the silent auction that raised \$700. **Phil Ierardi** and **Gene Cogorno** were recognized for the great job they did on the startup CD. **Jeff Buckley** pointed out some accomplishments by our members. **Fred Burk** rec'd his 50 year pin from Model "A" Ford Club of America and in the MARC Restorer, **Jim Ruth** had a very nice article about his 1930 original Coupe. **Terry Oberer** also had the center fold picture for the magazine that showed Model A's in St. Louis. **Phil Ierardi** updated us on the Model "A" Museum. He reported that General Electric came through and donated \$1,000 on behalf of our club. Our club members have purchased 21 bricks and a motion was made by **Dave Smith** to have the club buy a brick with money already committed to the museum. It was seconded by **Terry Oberer** and approved. An announcement was made about a Brass Cars show 1931 and older at the National Museum of Transport Oct 2nd. **Jeff Buckley** also made an appeal for volunteers for the membership nominating committee. Please call **Jeff** if you are interested being on the nominating committee. **Bert Schott** discussed the Wagon Wheel Tour and **John Wheeler** talked about the O'Fallon, MO car show that many club members attended. **Bob Austin** talked about the Victorian Festival event. The garage tour/rear end teardown at **Jeff Buckley's** was discussed. A date and location was voted on for Ladies day. It will be September 25th early afternoon (2:00PM) at Andre's—South, 4524 Telegraph Rd. Bring money for the dinner, and contact **Bob Taylor** if you are going but did not sign the sheet. Dayna talked about her Bon Fire, bring your own drinks, a covered dish, lawn chairs and sticks to roast marshmallows. **Gene Wetzel** discussed Veterans day parade, not sure about breakfast will let us know. **Don McCallie** discussed the farm tour for November 6th starts around 3 PM. **Jeff Buckley** discussed car cruise in Wellston at Federal Mogul on Oct. 14th. **Ken Michler** discussed a Haunted Hay Ride on November 5th starts at dark and its free. **Fred Burk** discussed the Green Tree Festival Car Show in Kirkwood park on Oct. 18th. Date for the year end banquet is set for Saturday January 7th. The 50/50 drawing was held and the winners were **Val Piestrup** and **Gene Wetzel**. **Larry Shepard** gave a tech talk on how to double clutch. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Annual Bon-Fire (5 PM)

By Dayna Cogorno 314.434.1064

Finally after a long hot summer, we are fast approaching crisp fall air and our annual bon-fire. Mark Saturday, October 22nd with a rain date of Saturday, October 29th. Arrival Time is around 5PM.

There will be lots of chili, two fire pits of a toasty fire. We will meet at **David & Linda's** home at 1156 Vinetta Dr. It is one block east of Bopp/Manchester. Call **David** at 314.221.1444 to get better information. They live on a dead end street with plenty of parking and privacy. Park anywhere on the street. Children and pets are always welcome. This is a great family event, lots of fun and terribly relaxing.

What you will need to bring.

1. Chairs
2. Sticks for marshmallows
3. Whatever you wish to drink
4. A side dish of something.
5. **OPTIONAL**, any wood.



Upcoming Events 2010

by **Robie Haines 636.274.5023**

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

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 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

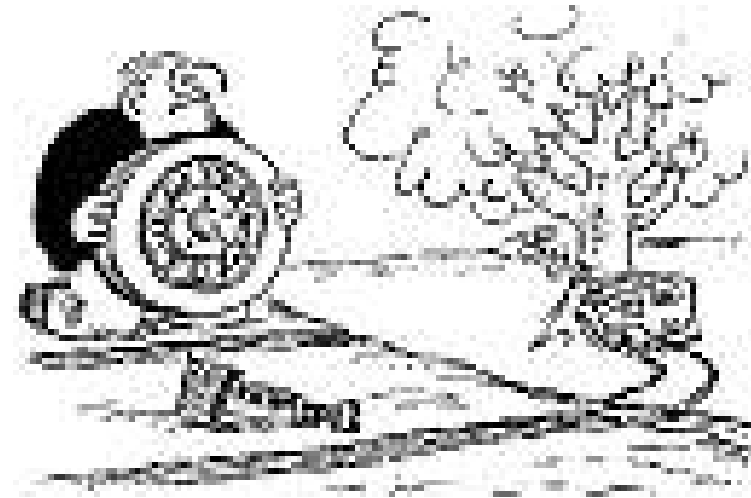
Nov 6 or 13 Sun, Don McCallie Farm Tour
Don McCallie 636.452.3407

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

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Random Thoughts

By **Jack Handle**

Hello, and welcome to another installment of Random Thoughts, the column with the irregular author and content. As this column is being written, the St. Louis area has survived what I hope is the last three digit temperature days of the year. The shoddily restored Tudor endured the heat without a boil over. This was quite a feat since it traveled many miles with temperatures above 90° F. There were no carburetor issues due to fuel percolating in the carburetor bowl, either.

Several months ago, St. Louis Plating Co. was mentioned in this column. I recently had the opportunity to have some items plated by these fine folks. Mr. Richmond Bell, a long-time MARC member, had posted an ad listing some original, brass '28-'29 radiator and gas caps for sale. As I recall, Mr. Bell said the nickel plating on the caps was about a 6 or 7 on a 10 point scale. When I received them, there was no pitting, and these looked like suitable candidates for re-plating. Mayor **Oberer** examined the caps prior to plating. He pointed out one small dent in one of the caps. He quickly corrected this, and stated that such things should be dealt with prior to plating for best results.

St. Louis Plating Co. is located at 2918 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, MO 63106. This is a family business, in operation since 1953, and located at that address for several decades. Unlike the experience I had with the plater on Texas Ave., St. Louis Plating Co. did very good work. Specifically, the plating was exceptional, the work was completed on the date that was promised, and the price was exactly what was quoted when the parts were dropped off. This is in stark contrast to the Texas Ave. plater, who went 0-3 on quality, timeliness, and price. I requested that the caps be plated with a bright nickel finish as they were originally, and the parts were ready for pickup within two weeks. The folks at St. Louis Plating told me that turnaround time was a bit quicker during the summer months. This is because business is slower in warm weather, and picks up during the winter months.

I regret that the shoddily restored Tudor was unable to make the Route 66 tour to Cuba, MO. I enjoy history, including automotive history. Staying overnight at one of the motels that many weary motorists used during Route 66's heyday is quite an experience.

Please mark your calendars for the parades in November. The Veterans Day Parade is November 5th. U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, and fellow club member **Geno Wetzel** and his dear wife, **Mary Ann**, do a fantastic job of organizing the event. Join us for breakfast before the parade. And the Kimmswick Holiday Parade is November 19th. We plan to dine at the Blue Owl after the parade. And if we're lucky, the Blue Owl's owner, **Mary Hostetter**, might let us park the cars in front of the restaurant.

The hands on "rear-end" Seminar

By Jeff Buckley and Larry Shepard

On Sept 10th, at **Jeff Buckley's** shop in Pevely, we had over 40 people show up to get hands-on experience with tearing into some old Model A rear ends. **Larry Shepard** provided 10 rear ends that he bought over a year ago down in Oklahoma and **Neil Clavers** brought his own to check out.

John Guzman drove his camper up from Advance, MO to help Jeff and **Bob Austin** get the shop cleaned up and the 3 workstations set up the day before. Then Saturday morning started off with coffee and donuts (provide by **Greg Piel** and **Jim Preston**) to fuel the workers as they looked at the pile of Model A rear ends.

In no time, everyone teamed up at one of the three work-



stations with some expert help from many experienced club members like **Terry Oberer**, **Dale Kruse**, **Leonard Noll** and many more. It seemed like everyone was an old hand at

this or at least willing to jump in and help.

Larry Shepard did the troubleshooting as each team found issues with some disassembly. The photo here shows **Larry**



with his method on how to handle difficult problems.

Everyone got in the act. Even farmer wannabe **Lance Klingemann** came by after plowing his fields to lend a hand. The "A" team seemed to the crew that included

Leonard Noll and **Dale Kruse** and other hands-on club members. They were able to take apart 6 of the 12 rear ends during the morning and was always looking for more!



lunch ready.

And before long the pile of



rear ends was cleared



away.

Clean up was a snap with everyone pitching in to put things back in order. The scrape metal was loaded on Jeff's truck to haul away and the good parts again filled a pallet and is waiting for Larry to pick them up and use in some of our club members Model A in the future.



Everyone had a great time, including **Cole Buckley** and **Kyle Fronczak** who had other activities on their minds.

Thanks to all that helped and participated in this event. This is what it's all about...friends, food and furthering our knowledge about the Model A!



Car Show at First Baptist Church

By John Wheeler 636.240.9340



The car show at FBC, O'Fallon was the best ever with over 300 registered show vehicles on the parking lot. We also served about 1800 hamburgers and hotdogs and about 2500 soft drinks and water. There were games and face painting for the kids, special displays (a large

racing boat), a beautifully restored 1923 Wills-St. Claire roadster with an overhead cam V8 engine, a 1931 Marmon, a 1915 Maxwell and **Jeff Buckley's** Moon along with several cars from the Model A Club. The Moon attracted a lot of attention and other



show cars came from as far as Waynesville and Jefferson City.

Trophy winners from the Model "A" Club included Second Place to **Dave and Louise Smith** in the Foreign Class for the 1963 Volkswagen Herbie, **Dave**

Fronczak in the Antique Class for his 1931 Model "A" coupe,

Ken Webb in the Classic Class for his 1961 Corvette, and a special award



to **Jeff Buckley** for the best "Under Construction" class for the Moon Roadster.

The church has decided that we will devote more paved spaces to show cars next year as there were several parked on the overflow grass area this year for the first time.



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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

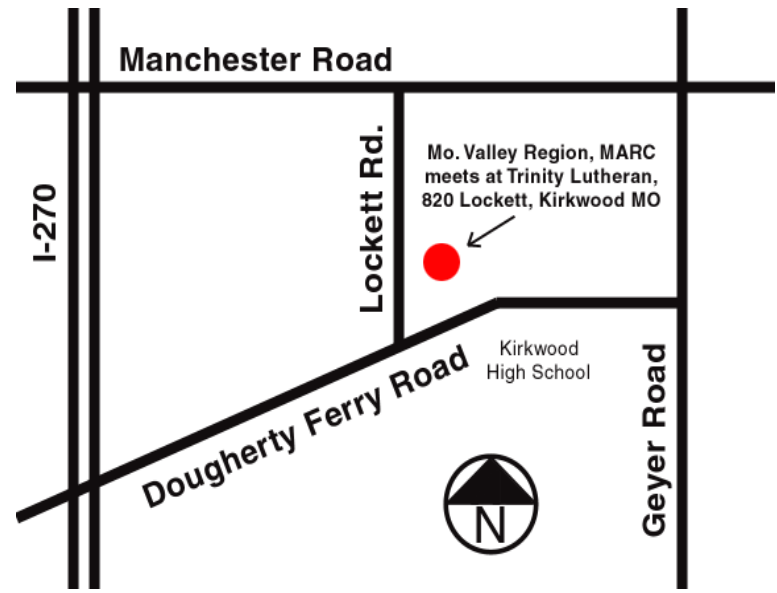
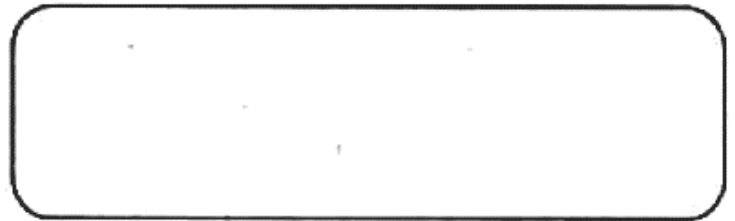
Wanted: Usable 1928/9 Model "A" radiator before buying new one. Also, Model "A" A-OO-GA horn, any model, must work. **John Guzman** 573.225.4494

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

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. Plan a 2011 Tour
5. Do something nice for someone
6. Give Jim Ruth a Donut

