



The Missouri 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 Terry Yount 636.532.0005

On Sunday, July 9th, the summer family picnic brought out many happy smiles along with many Model "A" Fords, and one Model "T" Ford. The weather was fantastic and we enjoyed a wonderful time with about 60 members and friends at Love Park. Delicious

ice-cream was served to finish off our meals. The youths and adults enjoyed games and car events. Five trophies were awarded to the winners of both people and Model "A" car games. it was also enjoyable to drive my recent purchase of a restored Model "A" Coupe Deluxe which some of the car members saw for the first time.

The July Tuesday Membership meeting brought out about eight of our member's wives which made for a better meeting. The women were the first to come and the last to leave the meeting. Women: Please join us

again at our next meeting! Many topics were covered by the members of some of the events they were able to attend this last month. The main highlight of the evening was a panel of three members chosen to answer questions in a round table discussion. They were asked questions by the other members. I have to say that we had some knowledgeable members, who knew their Model "A" Fords!



Potato Sack Race (Ray Vince & Caitlin Hamm)
Egg Toss (Brad Hamm & Austin Hamm)
Close to Cone (Jeff Buckley)
Slow Race (Jerry Mowery)
Potato Pick Up Race (Jerry Mowery & Jessica Mowery)

Bert Schott and myself suggested to the club Tuesday night at the meeting to start having Tech Demonstrations as a garage tour. Each garage tour would consist of an "A" team of experts who would guide us, as we attempt to repair our Model "A" problem. Most of us have something we want to do on our cars- some big stuff- and some small stuff to be done. We also could set up a monthly visit to someone's garage

and help them get their Model "A" road ready. Members could come to be a spectator or a participant. The host of the garage Tech Tour would also provide refreshments and food. The host and "A" team would coordinate the time and place in time to get it posted on our colander. I am setting August 12th for our first Tech Garage Tour. The house which we will hold this event will be announced at our August 1st meeting.

The answer to last month's Trivia question is still being investigated.

"Stump the Club"

When was safety glass introduced at Ford Motor Company and what prompted them to introduced it?

"Drive Safe and keep cool!" Terry

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2006 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

July Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The July 11th meeting was called to order by President **Terry Yount** at 7:32pm. **Terry** met with members of Trinity Lutheran Church and has been given a key to the church for the club's monthly meetings. **Terry Yount** thanked the following members for their assistance: **Robie Haines** for helping drive his Model "A" to Pittsburgh, PA after selling it on E-bay, **Larry Hassel** for helping with the carburetor, **Larry Shepard** for helping with the timing gear, and **Bert Schott** for helping him pick up his 1931 deluxe coupe and making it almost back to St. Louis.

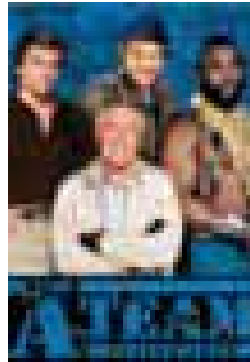
Faces in the crowd include: **Carl Moritz** – owner of a 1929 Fordor joining the club tonight), **Rodrick Cunningham**, in from Chicago, **Patricia Fischer**, graciously introduced by her husband **Dave Fischer**, and **Jim Ruth** - "looking good" and having a good day-with many more to follow. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. **Dayna Cogorno** gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. **Terry Oberer** gave out information on the 13th Annual Start Up Party on July 23. The last day to sign up for the event is July 19. This year's party will include a band playing Bluegrass music. Alderman **Oberer** promised the CAR WILL START. **Jack Rehagen** reported on the Progressive Dinner on August 20 beginning at 12:30pm. Hors d'oeuvres provided by **Jack Rehagen** and salad provided by **Val Peistrup** will be served at the **Peistrup** residence. Then, the club will motor down to **Tom Holtgrave's** house and have dinner. The dessert will be served at **David Fronczak's** home with swimming to follow. Ladies Night was a success and there were 104 people attending. The Family Picnic at Love Park was a hit and **Phil Ierardi**, **Jack Rehagen**, and **David Fronczak** were thanked for their work. **Rick Hermann** spoke about the Great Race. **Jeff Buckley** and **Terry Oberer** went to the National Meet in Grand Rapids, MI. **Jeff** had a nice display of 8x10 photos and memorabilia from the meet. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Gilmore Car Museum with both **Jeff** and **Terry** raving about the beautiful display of cars. **Terry** enjoyed spending time at the swap meet and the repair tent. **Jeff Buckley** took a group of 25 to the Federal Mogul Training Center in June. **Gene Cogorno** gave an update on the repairs to his Model "A" – the wood is in his car. **Bert Schott** discussed a new type of garage tour in the works. This plan will consist of a host needing some type of work done to a Model A and an A Team which will provide the work. The host will submit a project to the "A" team. The "A" team will review the project. The host will provide the parts necessary for the repair and also food. The "A" team will perform the work. It was suggested that this will work better during cooler weather—September through March.

Carol Dolde and the 61 members on her team raised \$4500 for ALS. **Dave Fischer** presented a framed picture to **Terry Oberer** in appreciation for his help with a car. **John Wheeler** won \$15 in the 50/50. **John Stoecker**, also a winner, donated his \$15 to the club. **Terry Oberer** won 4 tickets to the Magic House which were donated by **Fred Burk**. The club belted out the Happy Birthday song to **Harry Boyd** (#72). The president, vice-president, and other members will attend a meeting at the Museum of Transportation on July 12 to gain information about using the museum as a meeting place. Those who attend will give a report at the August meeting. **Terry Oberer**, **Paul Ganninger**, and **Jim Ruth** sat on a panel and answered Model "A" questions from the audience. **Terry Oberer** gave a technical seminar – Cylinder Heads 101. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

"A" Team

By Bert Schott 636.519.0431

A number of people would like to get their cars in good working order but they aren't necessarily skilled at Model "A" diagnostics and repair. They want to learn how to work on their cars but often forget what was said at a tech talk, stumble with directions in the manual or just do not have the confidence to tackle a particular project without someone looking over their shoulder. Now they can contact the "A" team, a group of knowledgeable Model "A" expert mechanics that have been there and done that and are willing to advise the best way to accomplish the task and suggest the shortcuts.



An individual that wants help has to write up the details of his project and submit it to the "A" team. They will evaluate it as a reasonable project and prioritize it. They may ask questions to be sure that everything is ready to go. The individual that wants the help will have to have all required parts on hand and be ready and willing to bust their knuckles and get their hands dirty.

They must provide a place to work that can also accommodate spectators. As a host, it is also incumbent on them to provide refreshments for the "A" team and participant observers that want to learn. This will be a scheduled event for the club calendar. People that volunteered to be on the "A" team are **Terry Oberer**, **Larry Hassel**, **Tom Holtgrave** and **Paul Ganninger**. Others are invited to join the team if they desire. If anyone has a project, please write it up and send it to **Bert Schott** and he will communicate with the "A" team and get it scheduled. **Bert** can be reached at bschott@charter.net.

Upcoming Events 2006

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

A comprehensive listing of "events of interest" is on our www.modelaclub.org. ModelAclub@charter.net

Aug 1 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO

Aug 12 Sat, Technical Garage Tour
Terry Yount 636.532.0005

Aug 20 Sun, Progressive Dinner
David Fronczak 636.394.5883 (article herein)

Sep 5 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO

Sep 10 Sun, Delmar Gardens Display
Joan Winters 636.532.0150

Sep 16, Sat, Mid Missouri Model "A" Round-Up,
Jefferson City **John Wilkinson** 573.642.5133

Oct 3 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO

Oct 7 Sat, Trinity Church Display
Terry Yount 636.532.0005

Weekly Edition- July 06, 2006

Rockford a classic destination Model A Club roars into town

Our own **Jeff Buckley** makes the front page of the Rockford Squire in Rockford, MI. Be sure



Jeff Buckley trailered in his 1931 Town Sedan because he was traveling with one-year-old grandson Cole. His vehicle sports some modern improvements not available on the previous year's model, including a tilting windshield and an all-steel body (no wood construction!).

to ask him for his autograph.



Progressive Dinner

by Dave Fronczak 636-394-5883

Jack Rehagen 314-423-1959

Your tour committee has scheduled a "Progressive Dinner" for Sunday, August 20, 2006. The Dinner will begin at 12:30pm at the home of **Val & Valarie Peistrup**, 2310 Barnbridge Rd, in Town and Country Missouri. **Jack & Carole Rehagen** will provide the Hors d'oeuvres with **Val & Valarie Peistrup** preparing the dinner salad. Upon completion, it's off to **Tom & Anita Holtgrave's** home, 13344 Conway Rd also in Town and Country Missouri, for the entrée. After dinner, we will be having desert at the home of **Dave & Mauri Fronczak** at 70 Flesher Dr. in Ellisville, Missouri. At that time we can enjoy a swim in the pool and more good conversation. A sign up sheet and a map will be available at the August 1st club meeting.

Family Picnic – Love Park

by Dave Fronczak 636-394-5883

Jack Rehagen 314-423-1959

Phil Ierardi 314-692-2123

We met at John Love park Sunday the 9th at 12:30. It was a beautiful quiet day. We had 13 old cars show up for an afternoon of fun and games. On tap were people games and car games.

The people games consisted of a free form potato sack race with your partner, and the egg toss, consuming several dozen eggs. We are happy to report no injuries in the sack race. It was nice getting my wife in the sack. The egg toss however, another story. These eggs were not cooked, but raw. I saw some eggs bounce down a hill unscathed, while others broke in mid air. The kids did outstanding while some of our older members did quite well. This was a lot of fun and good sportsmanship. The car games next. First the closest to the cone. Some only got a few feet while others went off into the woods. The slow race was surprisingly hard. Our A's are not known as anything associated with fast. Lastly was the potato pickup also known as stab that tater. While it looks easy, but alas looks are deceiving. That feisty potato just did not want to be stabbed. Lots of fun.

A real treat was **Pam Mulhall** as **Pokey the Clown**. **Pam** made the kids all sorts of balloon things from flowers to hats.

A landmark event, **Fred Burk** finally gave up his Miller Lite for a fresh Busch.

It was a great day and **Phil** remembered extra batteries for his bull horn. Great day, thank you everyone.

'06 MARC National Meet – Grand Rapids by Jeff Buckley 314.846.7408

On June 25th, **Terry Oberer** and my family drove up to the MARC meet held this year in Grand Rapids MI.



It was my wife **Terri's** second trip to a national meet and the first for my daughter **Jennifer** and for my grandson **Cole**. **Ken Webb** and **Dean Bittick** from our club joined us by Tuesday. These meets keep getting better and better for each one that I have attended and this was no exception. The weather was outstanding the entire week. The tech sessions were superb and the tours were ideal and well planned.



The mandatory tour on Thursday was to the Gilmore Auto Museum and the setting with the various antique cars was breath taking and we had a lovely picnic on the Gilmore grounds.



With taking the family along we managed to keep busy with the self-guided tours that kept everyone happy by driving the Model "A" and getting to see the sites around Grand Rapids.

See page 3 as we made the local paper.

Welcome New Members
Paul & Terry Long
Gene & Pat Martens
Carl & Betty Moritz

Rick's 1931 Coupe by Rick Hermann 573.358.1467

My late-in-life interest in Model A's was influenced by my youngest son who moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma for a job opportunity fresh out of college. There, he befriended another teacher, a lifelong Model "A" enthusiast and restorer who had entered Model A's in the Great Race in 1998, 1999, and 2000. There was uniqueness to each of his Great Race entries. Each year he mentored a "team" of high school students who participated in the restoration of a Model "A" which was to compete in the "X-CUP" class. The X-Cup Class was for entries devoted to high school students.

In return for their sweat equity in the restored car, the students served as navigators during the 13 day race-rally. Our son was a co-driver of the Ponca City



X-CUP entry for two of the three years so I got hooked on the Great Race. **Loretta** and I spent two vacations as 'groupies' following along the route and cheering them on. Each year, the teacher sought out a donor of a restorable car much like we do for our annual Startup Party. It so happened that no one had stepped forward with a suitable candidate for the 2001 Race. I thought it would be exciting to follow my own car on the Great Race, so I decided to search for one and haul it to Oklahoma. I was successful. **Loretta** and I purchased our coupe from a gentleman in Otto, Missouri who had owned the 'project' car for 15 years. It was disassembled and many parts were missing but the body work was complete and in primer. The chassis and running gear were restored. On October 1, 2001 the car was loaded onto a trailer and transported to Ponca City. The restoration was completed in time to compete in the warm-up rally in Texas in April, 2001.

Our Model "A" Deluxe Coupe was built specifically to compete in the 2001 Great Race. It has features that were incorporated into the car so it would be competitive and reliable during the 13 day cross country race. Some of these features include modern insert bearings, electronic ignition, Mitchell overdrive, alternator, downdraft Stromberg carburetor, ported and polished head, completely balanced engine, and a pressurized fuel system with an extra eight gallon tank under the rumble seat floor. Mechanical brakes were retained. The car and racers crossed the finish line in Pasadena, CA on June 30th after June 17th start in Marietta, GA. The Ponca City Great Race Team finished in 5th place out of 9 high school teams, only one of which did not

finish. The car traveled through several mountain ranges and deserts. The Team members acquired a vast knowledge of the Model "A" and a memorable life experience. In mid July, my son towed the "A" back to St. Louis. The following year, he and I took a one week trip in the 'A' to follow the 2002 Great Race. We drove it from Ponca City, to Dallas-Fort Worth, to Clovis, New Mexico, to Albuquerque and back to Ponca City. It was a trouble free trip except for the direct hit we took from a disoriented quail. Blood and guts everywhere. Maybe that's why my horn sounds funny.

The photo on the previous page is of the team who restored and drove our "A" in the 2001 Great Race.

For more information on the Great Race, see the web site www.greatrace.com.

Engine Rebuilding Garage Tour – Sat. June 10th
by Jeff Buckley 314.846.7408

Well, we had about 25 people go on the Engine Rebuilding Tour at the Federal –Mogul Technical Education Center and what a great time it was.



Our host **Mark Kenyon**, an ASE Certified Instructor, demonstrated various machining procedures; Cleaning the engine block, Boring a cylinder, sleeving a cylinder back to standard, installing valve seats, grinding the valve seats, installing valves and valve guides, machining the top surface of a block. As you can see, some of the procedures involved high tech equipment and others low tech brute force.



Thank you **Mark** for some great lessons on engine rebuilding!



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Wanted/For Sale or Trade

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

FOR SALE: Relined "A" brake shoes with extra thick (1/4 inch) woven lining for use with worn drums 4 for \$100. Relined orig. emergency bands ready to install \$25/ea. New 21" inner tube fresh from Brattons with metal valve stem \$25. Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

FOR SALE: 1930 Ford Dix Coupe w/Rum. seat. Rblt chassis & drive train, engine. 6v alt, new wiring & turn signals. \$8995.00 **Ray Harmann** 618.791.0979

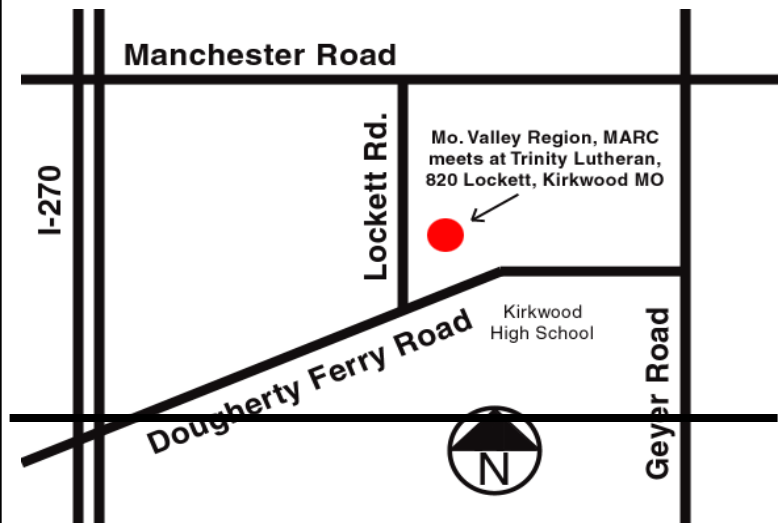
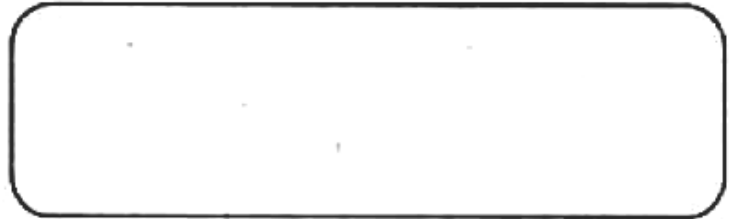
FOR SALE: 29 Stand. Coupe w/Luggage rack, grav. Guard, rumble seat. Yellow w/black trim. Runs great! \$10k or trade for newer classic car. **Dale Zesch** previous owner. **George Mudge** 618.233.7134

FOR SALE: 56Fairlane Victoria 2dHT, 312 TBird motor. Paint almost show Qual, orig.int. PS PW fender Skirt, cont. kit.(\$17,500) 31 5 wind. coupe, complete Rest (\$14,800), 29 500 miles since complete Rest. (\$11,500) **Junior Linenfels** 618.877.4771

FOR SALE: Heavy duty radiator, tested at 4.5psi for 30 minutes. Cost new \$470.00, selling for \$300.00. '67Mustang Deluxe. Beefed up 5.0 EFI'91 engine. A/C Dual Exh., auto, restored < 5K miles. Clean, drive out great. \$17K Firm **Dave Smith** 314.895.3416

FOR SALE:1999 Wells Cargo 16 ft Encl Trailer Grey ext, overall length 20 ft.GVWR 7700. Curb Wt. 2700 lbs.Interior lights, battery, elec winch, 4 tiedowns driveon rear door & side door, spare tire, new brakes good tires, some fender damage. Excellent 4 open Model A's & coupes. Pulled by Ford Explorer. Asking \$3,600 **Jeff Buckley** 314.846.7408

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

Things I gotta do:

- 1) Submit a newsletter article
- 2) Attend a tour
- 3) Attend our Progressive Dinner
- 4) Give Phil a profile on your precious Model "A"
- 5) Give member profile

