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Dedicated to the appreciation, enjoyment and preservation of the Model "A" Ford since 1959

## President's Corner

by Terry Yount 636.532.0005

Our Vice President **Rodrnick Cunningham** has moved to Chicago, Illinois, and stated that he can no longer fill his position as Vice President. He also stated that he would like to continue as a member of our local club. The Board of Directors met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in which **Paul Ganninger** offered to fill in as Vice President. Our members will take the final vote for this position which is open at this present time.

The Riverport Swap meet on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, turned out to be a great day. **Terry Oberer** displayed his rolling chassis at our club's booth. **Bob Austin** was gracious enough to transport the car to the Swap Meet on his car trailer. There was a chance of rain in the air, but it stayed away during the entire day. I was told that we signed up at least five new members at this event. **Larry Shepard** also had a booth in which he sold Model "A" parts and jackets. I also attended this Swap Meet with about twenty-five other members, which I saw there. The high point of the Swap Meet for me was when I saw a poster of someone selling a 1931 Two-Door Deluxe, totally restored, for sale. To make a story short, I met with the owner that week and ended up purchasing the car. I also decided to sell my 1931 Four Door, which is advertised in this newsletter and on E-Bay. Next month, I will write a story about my new purchase.



Stacy Schenberg & Jessica Yount at the Safety Check

Many thanks to **Mark Schenberg** for hosting the Annual Safety Check at his company (Car Doc) on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to **Bill Langer** for barbecuing, **Terry Oberer** for the technical seminar and **Jeff Buckley** for his AB products. The rain also stayed away to make a wonderful day and a chance

to socialize with friends. There were at least thirty-five members who brought their cars out for a little minor adjustment and oil changes. I also hope no one missed **Phil Ierardi** cruising in his yellow submarine (Model "A"). Ha! Ha!

Don't forget about the up coming events as listed in the newsletter calendar. Members have also mentioned that they would like to meet once a month for breakfast and also have a short tour somewhere. Any other ideas, places you would like to attend, please feel free to bring your thoughts to my attention. If you haven't signed up for Ladies Night on June 6<sup>th</sup>, please give me a call, if you're planning on coming. It's very important for an accurate count of who is coming to this event.

This month's trivia question called,  
"Stump the Club"

Did Henry Ford ever build a fire truck? If so, when was the first fire truck built?

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Ladies Night Tuesday, June 6, 2006 - 6:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

## May Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The May 2nd meeting was called to order by President **Terry Yount** at 7:32pm. **Terry** reminded members to deposit ideas or comments in the suggestion box. **David** was happy to report there were 10 Model A's at the Easter show with no one getting lost, breaking down, and the rain stayed away. **Terry Oberer** gave a recap of the Riverport Swap Meet and was happy to recruit a new member that day. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. **Dayna Cogorno** gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. **Terry Yount** presented **Terry Oberer** with a certificate of Continuing Excellence for the newsletter from the National MARC. **Jeff Buckley** presented **Don McCallie** a 2000-mile Mileage Award plaque for his car.

Many new faces at the meeting and one man claimed he had an old face. Seen in the crowd were: **Joseph Trehwella** who owns a 1930 Tudor, **Nicholas Schwartz** owner of a 1931 Model A, **Art Shaw** owner of a 1931 Tudor, **David Fischer** owner of a 1929 "hybrid", and **Bob Feeler** owner of a 1930-31 widebed pickup & his son, **Jesse Feeler**. Also in attendance were **April** and **Anthony** from [www.atechstl.com](http://www.atechstl.com), friends of **Terry Yount**.

**Pam Mulhall** gave a history of her car "**Pez**" which will be the start-up car at the Start-Up Party at **Terry Oberer's** house on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. New to the party this year will be a band playing bluegrass music. Members should drive their Model A's or otherwise carpool as parking is at a premium. The Ladies Night is on June 6<sup>th</sup> & dinner will be at 6pm. Members last names beginning with A-M should bring a side dish & N-Z should bring a dessert.

There are many tours and events scheduled for the upcoming months. Experience life on the Missouri frontier on the trip to the **Daniel Boone** Home on June 11. The Old Fashioned Family Picnic will be July 9 at Love Park with people games, car games, and homemade ice cream. The annual Safety Check is May 7 at Car Doc. There is a car show at Manchester Methodist Church on July 4. **David Stukenbroeker** reported on a car show in Washington, MO on May 21 – included in the festivities will be wine tasting. Model A's will be displayed at the Ragtime Rally and Street Fair at the **Scott Joplin** House on May 29- come and listen to the talented musicians. The National Meet is June 26-30 in Grand Rapids, MI.

A budget has been set for each of the club's upcoming events. See **Dayna Cogorno** if you are in charge of one of these events. **Larry Shepard** is the contact person for nametags and club apparel. **Terry Yount** gave the answers to the trivia question—When was the first Ford truck built and offered to the public ( January 11, 1917) What type of engine ( 12 cylinder Liberty airplane engine) and the list price (\$600). Don't tell their wives, but **Fred Burk** and **Mark Westhoff** won \$24 each in the 50/50. **Bryan Ziegler** topped off the evening with a member profile. There are 85 people signed up for the Ladies Night. The July 4 meeting has been moved to July 11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm and everyone was invited to the Down Under.

## Too Good To Be Restored

by Jim Ruth 636.296.9734

In 1935, my mother to-be and my grandmother to-be drove a Model A Ford Coupe from St. Louis to Kansas City, Missouri. I was 10 days old. My mother adopted me, put me in the 1930 "A" Coupe and drove back to ST. Louis. She always said "that old Ford rattled your brain such that you are still playing around with Model A Fords." Because of this history, my love for my mother and the Model "A" will be forever.

Back in 1964, I saw a newspaper ad that said, "1930 Ford Coupe for sale----too good to be restored." This I had to see. It was all original --- paint, upholstery, keys, etc. The "A" was used but well maintained. The seller wanted \$1200 for it. I told him that I only had \$850. He said, "If you don't make a hotrod out of it, you can have it for \$850. I have kept this car original and have properly maintained it. I have taken it to many national meets and shows since I purchased it. As you know, I have gray hair ---and "No"! I **DID NOT BUY IT NEW!**



## Upcoming Events 2006

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

A comprehensive listing of "events of interest" is on our [www.modelclub.org](http://www.modelclub.org). [ModelAclub@charter.net](mailto:ModelAclub@charter.net)

- May 28** Mon. Scott Joplin Ragtime music festival  
**David Stukenbroeker** 314.221.1444(Article Herein)
- Jun 6** Tue, Short Business Meeting-  
6:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO \*\*\* **Ladies Night** \*\*\*
- Jun 10** Sat, Engine Rebuilding Garage Tour  
**Jeff Buckley** 314.846.7408 (Article Herein)
- Jun 11** Sun, Tour to Historic Daniel Boone Home  
**David Fronczak** 636.394.5883 (Article Herein)
- Jun17** Sat, Route 66 State Park Picnic  
**Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201 (May newsletter)
- Jun 13-17** Petit Jean Mt.AR Swap Meet
- Jun 26-30** 2006 National Meet, Grand Rapids, MI
- Jun 28** Wed, Great Race in St. Louis, Eads Bridge  
**Rick Hermann** 573.358.1467
- Jul 9** Sun, Old Fashion Family Picnic & Games  
**David Fronczak** 636.394.5883
- Jul 11** Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-  
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO (**2nd Tuesday**)
- Jul 23** Sun, 13th Annual Start Up Party (**PEZ**)  
**Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201
- 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 7** Sat, Trinity Church Display  
**Terry Yount** 636.532.0005

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Once again there are many members in our club who are willing to help another member, whose car is not running, just by bringing the subject up at our meeting. Take advantage of the expertise in our local club and ask for help when needed.

The answer to last month's trivia question was January 11, 1917, the first twelve cylinder Liberty airplane engine priced at \$600.00.

Rain or shine, drive those Model A's, Thanks, **Terry**

**New Members**  
**Bob & Tammy Feeler**  
**David & Pat Fischer**  
**Micholas Schwartz**

## Daniel Boone/Boonesfield Village

By Dave Fronczak 636.394.5883

**Phil Ierardi** 314.692.2123

How would you like to get a glimpse of early nineteenth century life on the Missouri frontier. Well – now you can do this with your Model A's. A tour has been planned for your enjoyment on Sunday, June 11, to the famous home of **Daniel Boone** which he and his sons built during 1803 to 1810. We will be touring to the **Daniel Boone** home and Boonesfield Village which is comprised of over a dozen historic buildings that represent the early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.

This should be a very interesting and fun tour which will consist of driving through the beautiful country roads of Defiance. There will be three locations where you can join the caravan. We will start at the Down Under, drive to Chesterfield Commons and pick up any members there in front of the Best Buy store. Then we will tour to the highway 40/94 intersection and pick up those members waiting at the southeast commuter parking lot on highway 94. We will then all caravan to the **Daniel Boone** home and Village. Upon arrival, we will be allowed to park our A's in the village for a great photo shoot. There is no food on the premises (cold drinks are available) so we will plan to have a bring-your-own quick picnic lunch when we arrive and/or visit the gift shop. Benches and table are available. The tour starts with a fifteen minute overview followed by a private tour of the home and village.

The tour will last 1.5 hours and I have been able to get a group senior rate of \$6.50 a person (\$5 for children) for our club members. Sign up sheets will be at our June meeting. You can also call **Phil Ierardi** (314.692.2123) or **Dave Fronczak** (636.394.5883) so we can have the required head count for the tour.

## June 11 – Sunday



- **12:00pm** Depart Down Under
- **12:45pm** Pick up A's at Best Buy (Chesterfield Commons)
- **01:00pm** Pick up A's at Hwy 40 & Hwy 94 (SE commuter parking lot)
- **01:30pm** Arrive Daniel Boone Home (picnic)
- **02:15pm** See Overview Video
- **02:30pm** Tour home and village
- **04:00pm** Tour over
- **04:30pm** or later, depart for home

# Safety Check



## Engine Rebuilding Garage Tour Saturday June 10th

by Jeff Buckley 314.846.7408

As a follow up to the fall garage tour at my house where we took apart one of my spare engines, we are going to have a garage tour on June 10<sup>th</sup> to the Federal-Mogul Technical Education Center in St. Louis to demonstrate some of the procedures for rebuilding a Model A engine.

The Federal-Mogul Technical Education Center (Originally Corporate Headquarters for Moog Automotive Inc.) is a state-of-the-art training center with classrooms, multi-million dollar engine machine shop, diagnostic labs and 11 service bays that trains over 17,000 professional technicians annually.



Our host **Mark Kenyon**, an ASE Certified Instructor, will demonstrate 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 and checking the surface of the engine block around the intake and exhaust manifold ports. For these demo's, **Paul Ganninger** and I are providing 4-6 Model A engines so that we can go from station to station in a timely manner.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to see how all of this is done so make your plans now and [CALL me \(314.846.7408\)](tel:314.846.7408) so that I can get a headcount before June arrives. Also, please plan on driving your Model A if you can. Our only request from **Mark** is that Federal-Mogul would like to take a group picture of us with our Model A's at their Center for their national employee magazine.

We will meet at 7:30 am at the Old County Buffet on Manchester Road near Mason Rd for breakfast and leave from there at 9:00, arriving at the Tech Center for a planned 3 hour demo.

Directions to the Federal-Mogul Center will be to proceed East on Manchester Road to McCausland Ave, Make a Left and go North on McCausland to Skinker Blvd. Left on Skinker to St. Charles Rock Rd, Left on St, Charles Rock Rd, Left on Ogden Rd, Right on Wells Ave, to 6565 Wells Ave.

## Rear Main Bearing Adjustment

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

Those of you who were able to attend the Safety Check at **Mark Schenberg's** Car-Doc location were able to observe the technique for adjusting the shims on two member's rear main bearings. First, we worked on **Bert Schott's** Fordor and later on **Jeff Buckley's** Roadster. Since most time was spent on adjusting **Bert's** rear main, I will cover the procedure here. After removing the pan and the rear main cap, we alternately pulled shims of .003 each from each side of the cap's shim pack. After each shim was pulled we re-installed the cap and using the hand crank turned the engine while checking rotational resistance. Removing one .003 shim from one side reduces overall bearing clearance by .0015.



Finally, after removing two shims of .003 each from each side we felt some slight rotational resistance. That would indicate that we removed a total excess clearance of .006 on the bearing. Before re-installing, the cap for the final time I pointed out that the oil return pipe was screwed into the main bearing cap too far to restrict the oil return channel in the cap by about 1/2 its diameter. A careful grinding of the return pipe at the rear resulted in a clear path for the oil (see photo above) for improved oil flow back to the pan. This is a critical point to check on any rebuilt engine as most of the new return pipes have threads that allow the pipe to block the oil return in the cap. The purpose of the pipe is to return the oil to the pan below the level of the oil in the pan so that the positive crankcase pressure can't tend to blow the oil backwards out the rear main cap oil channel.

I hope this takes the mystery out of the procedure and makes you want to try this yourself.

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**Wanted/For Sale or Trade**

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

**FOR SALE:** Lots of good used mechanical parts, brake, engine, trans & rear end parts available. New 5.50x18 Garfield BSW 4PLY nylon tire '32 Ford \$50  
**Terry Oberer** 636.677.7201

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

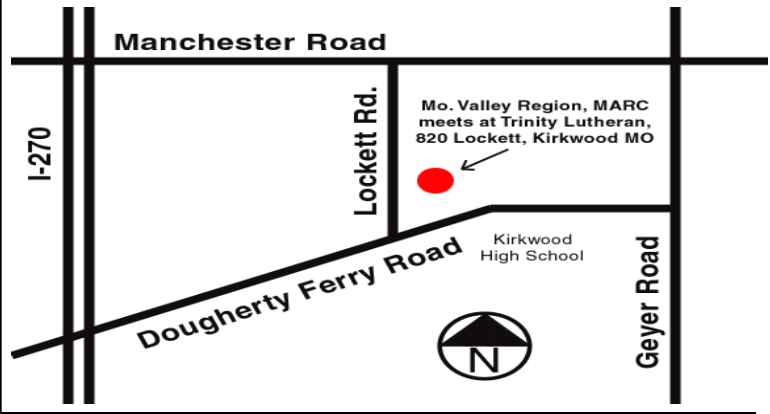
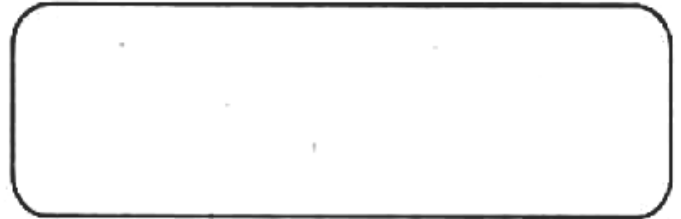
**FOR SALE:** 56Fairlane Victoria 2dHT, 312 TBird motor. Paint almost show Qual, orig.int. PS PW fender Skirt, cont. kit.(\$17,500) 31 5 wind. coupe, complete Rest (\$14,800), 29 500 miles since complete Rest. (\$11,500) **Junior Linenfelser** 618.877.4771

**FOR SALE:** Heavy duty radiator, tested at 4.5psi for 30 minutes. Cost new \$470.00, selling for \$300.00  
**Dave Smith** 314.895.3416

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Model "A" 4dr.(Murray) original, Dependable, solid body-No rust & good driver.  
\$10,500 **Terry Yount** 636.532.0005 636.394.6336

**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) Bring a sweetie to Ladies Night
- 4) Attend our June events
- 5) Give Phil a profile on your precious Model "A"

