



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 Bert Schott 636.519.0431

We had a great turnout at Hyman Classic Cars and the rain did not diminish our enthusiasm. It was a real treat to see some of the rarest cars in the world so well preserved. They were working on a V-16 cylinder Cadillac Roadster in the restoration shop and I was just thinking how nice it would be to cruise down the highway in the hammer lane past a yuppie in their BMW...apologies to all the yuppies and BMW fans. There was so much eye candy it is impossible to describe. Thanks to **Terry Yount** for letting me know this place existed, **Mark Schenberg** for making the arrangements and **Dave Smith** for reserving a room at the restaurant.



Another big thanks to all who made movie night a big success: **Jeff Buckley** for bringing the movie and the projector, **David Stukenbroeker**, **Alice Schott**, **Lee Majors** for their help setting up and organizing the popcorn and soda. Several others helped with set-up and clean-up. It was

a great film and I think it was enjoyed by all of the seventy plus who attended. It was especially amazing how they restored the 20 millionth Ford in about ten

minutes...it takes me longer than that to change points.

I have heard people say they can't sign up for tours and events because their car isn't running. A functional car is our goal but it is not a prerequisite to participating in an event. You can follow on tours in your modern iron or catch a ride with someone in a Model "A". As long as you are wearing a smile we want you to join us. Be sure to check the calendar for our upcoming club events.

We also get letters and bulletins on car shows in the area as well:

- Easter Car Show – Forest Park –4/8
- K-SHE Car Show – Gateway Raceway, 4/22 - \$25.00
- Clinton Tech School Car Show, Clinton MO, 5/19 \$15.00
- Route 66 Car Show – St. Clair, MO., 6/17 - \$15.00

If you want details let me know. Someone mentioned a show at Ranken Tech which sounds like a good place to get the younger crowd involved.

Don't forget to come to the April 3rd meeting...we will have a good tech talk by **Gene Cogorno**. **Gene** will



enlighten us on Social Security. Bring all of your questions to our next meeting.

Our hearts go out to **Jack Dolde** and family upon the passing of his lovely wife **Carol** who fought a courageous battle with ALS. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2007 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

March Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The March 6th meeting was called to order by President **Bert Schott** at 7:29pm. Visitors for the evening included **Grant Brinker** from Arnold. He is looking to buy a 1929 coupe. The attendance sheet was passed around. **Dave Smith** has name tags to distribute during the 50/50 break. **Gerald Mowery** was presented a certificate for perfect attendance. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was presented by **Gene Cogorno** and approved. **Bert Schott** has copies of the 2007 Budget and Calendar of Events which were given out at the last meeting. The budget was approved by the membership. There is a list of club owned items on the back cover of the 2007 Roster of Members. The tour to the Hyman Classic Cars was a success. Many members enjoyed a buffet dinner and movie, King of the Hill, at the Feasting Fox. **Bert Schott** passed out entry forms to any member who would like to have a car in the 2008 Model "A" calendar. He asked members to contact him if they wished to have their car included in the calendar. Names would be randomly drawn.

Future entertainment at the Model "A" meeting will include Hubley races. Hubley cars and car kits are available on EBay for \$20-\$40. The Safety Check is March 25th and 18 people have signed up. Be sure to let **Bob Taylor** know your oil preference, as **Bob** is supplying the oil. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert as the meat, soda, and beer are provided. The Early Ford Show at the Museum of Transportation is April 1st with 20 Model "T"s, 15 V-8s, and 19 Model "A"s participating. The Easter Car Show in Forest Park is April 8th – see **David Stukenbroeker** to register.

The Model "T" Swap Meet is April 29th. The club is looking for a display car for the event. May 6th is the tour of the Alton area prepared by **Bob Austin**. Please note that the Argosy Casino lunch will not allow entrance to anyone who is under 21 years old. **Phil Ierardi** reports there are 80-90 cars entered in the Daniel Boone Car Show on May 19th. Ladies Night is July 3rd and the ladies voted to play Bingo. **Grant MacLaren** presented information on the Rankin Technical College Car Show on April 15th. Help celebrate Rankin's 100 year Anniversary. To register, or for information, consult www.rankin.edu/AlumniRelations/carshow.asp On March 15th, **John Stoecker** and others will enjoy an \$11 buffet at Genesis on Telegraph Road to check out the banquet facility. Six members plan to attend the National Meet in Joliet in April. Winners of the 50/50 and other prizes include: **Joseph Trehwella, Doug Brockhaus, Paul Ganninger**, and double winner – **Tom Holtgrave**. **Jeff Buckley** showed a movie about the Twenty Millionth Model "A". This movie runs for 44 minutes and is available for \$25 in the Jan/Feb Model "A" News (page 68). The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

MARC ALTON TOUR— Saturday May 6th

By Bob Austin 636.933.0887

By May 6, spring has sprung and you can almost smell the fun. So, dust off the old "A" and let's go.

We will assemble at South County Hometown Buffet at 7:30 and take about an hour for breakfast. The cost will be about \$8 each. Next, we will tour Lewis and Clark Historic Site for one hour at no charge. Then, it's on to the Alton Lock and Dam for a two hour tour at no charge. Finally, we're off to Argosy Casino for lunch at \$12.95 each. From South County to the Argosy Casino is about 47 miles. You can save 10% on lunch if you obtain a free Argosy card. If you would like to try your luck in the Casino, you're on your own.



This is a rain or shine tour. The Lewis and Clark Museum will be open if it rains. The Alton Dam Museum will be open, but no tours. The Argosy Casino and Restaurant are not affected by rain. Drive your old car or your modern iron on part or all of the tour. Sooo, is your name on the sign up sheet yet?

Schedule

7:30 am S. County Hometown Buffet for breakfast.

8:30 am Depart for Lewis and Clark Historic Site.

9:00 am North County meeting Point Village Square

9:30 am Arrive Lewis and Clark Historic Site for tour.

10:30 am Depart for Alton Lock and Dam.

10:45 am Arrive Alton Lock and Dam for tour.

12:45 pm Depart for Argosy Casino.

1:00 pm Arrive Argosy Casino for lunch.

**** Note**—Members under 21 years are not allowed in the Argosy Casino. There are many other places to eat if you want to bring your children.

Easter Display

by David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444



We have 2 open spaces for our Easter Display. Each Space is \$15.00 payable to the club. We will meet in front of the Jefferson Expansion Memorial History Museum on the Lindell Blvd side. This is a fun event, plus a great parking spot. We will enter the display as a club. Make our presence known and this represents our club.

Upcoming Events 2007

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

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

Mar 25, Safety Check (article herein)

Mark Schenberg 636.536.0060

Apr 1 Sun, Museum of Transport (article herein)

Bert Schott 636.519.0431

Apr 3 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Apr 8 Sun, Easter Show (article herein)

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Apr 13-15 Fri-Sun, 2007 MARC Membership Meet,

Apr 29 Sun, Model "T" Swap Meet, Riverport

May 1 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

May 6 Sun, Bob Austin Tour (Alton IL and More)

Bob Austin 636.933.0887

May 19 Sat, Daniel Boone Tour, Combined Car Club

Phil Ierardi 314.692.2123 (article herein)

May 28 Mon, Scott Joplin Music Festival

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Jun 3 Sun, Start up Party

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Jun 5 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Jun 18-23 MARC National Meet, Williamsburg VA

Jul 3 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Aug 5 Sun, Family Picnic - John Love Park

Terry Yount 636.532.0005

Sep 4 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-

7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Sep 9 Sun, Delmar Gardens— Family Day, Car Display

Gene Cogorno 314.434.1064

Safety Check

by Mark Schenberg 636.536.0060

Our annual Safety Check is on Sunday, March 25th at Car Doc. We will meet at Car Doc at 10:00 until around 3:00. **Bill Langer** will be our gourmet chef again this year. **Bob Taylor** is providing oil for those who need it. Please bring a side dish for lunch. The club will provide the meat and drinks. Old faithful **Jeff Buckley** will have our favorite A-B beverages. Be prepared with parts needed if you need minor repairs. We can do front end alignments too. **Terry Oberer** and **Larry Shepard** and others will provide expert guidance to help guide you through your project.

Approved
Auto
Repair



Hyman Auto Museum Tour

by Mark Schenberg 636.536.0060



On 8am Saturday we met at Hometown Buffet, we had about 50 people in attendance (despite the cold rain). At about 10 am we met up with **Shawn** (operations



manager) from Hyman Ltd. We stood in the lobby and looked at 2 cars in particular that were worth several million dollars each! I am sorry to say they weren't Model A's...for the record they were Talbot-Lagos...hand made & very rare (**Paul Ganning** was reportedly

ready buy one!) **Shawn** went on to explain that they have about 125 vehicles in their indoor showroom, they own all but a few that are consigned. While we were there, he spoke about how a particular car was going to be put in an overseas shipping container & sent to Spain. They buy & sell all over the world. We were shown their reconditioning area, where they do minor restoration & detailing. Everybody spent a couple of hours wandering around, asking questions, sharing stories of the old car they should have kept! & dreaming of which car they would take home. Thanks again to the folks at Hyman for rolling out the red carpet for us!

Museum of Transport

by Bert Schott 636.519.0431

The Museum of Transport has asked our club, along with others, to participate in a display. There will be several throughout the year and we have chosen April 1st along with the early V8 club. We are to be there at 10:00 and it should last around 4 hours. We have



around 28 cars signed up. We can hold many more. This is going to be a fun day, besides, you can walk around the museum

and see the really neat stuff. Please call me if you have any questions. This is a good way to represent our club and show Saint Louis what a great group of people we are.

Member Profile

by Bob and Jerri Lamprecht 314.966.8320

Please note the above photo of my 1931 Model A Ford coupe with rumble seat. This vehicle was sold to me in 1954 for 537.50 from a fellow college student. I had to borrow \$54.00 from another college student named **Jerri Wilcox** to buy the car. In 1958, **Jerri** and I married. We traveled a lot in the Model "A" to visit our friends in the Ozark Mountains. We seldom had more than \$5 in our pockets to purchase gas and food. Fortunately, our car, named "Ragtop," seldom broke down. Replacing head gasket or cleaning out the gas filter was about all that went wrong. My wife, **Jerri**, and still drive "Ragtop" whenever it's not raining.



"Ragtop" has brake rods rather than hydraulic brakes. Whenever you wanted to stop the car, one had to allow an extra 50 feet or more to stop. Our only close call was going down a very steep gravel road one winter day, and as we went around the bend we saw there was a crude ferry being propelled by the river current toward shore. The ferry auto ramp was let down just in the nick of time or else the car would have gone in the river. To brake and slow down the "A" quickly, I had to double clutch that transmission from high gear to second gear to low gear. The astonished ferry operator made the comment to me, "Boy, you just about didn't make it feller!"

Returning Member

Robert & Judith Reale

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The next article on Dean Bittick's love of trains and old cars is from an article of Classic Toy Trains, printed in September of 2004

Tracks Ahead

by David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444



I wanted to share this PBS TV program, "Tracks Ahead" with the club, it is about trains and Model A's. A production crew from WI came from **Dean Bittick's** house to do this program on his trains, but also included the cars in the segment. Just click

on the website (takes awhile to load) and then click on **BIT-TICK LAYOUT**. It will air on CH 9, sometime in 2008. The web site is http://tracksahead.net/SegReview/Tracks_Segment_Review.htm **Dean** will keep everyone informed as to the schedule.

The reasoning behind his terrific "O" gauge railroad, which is modeled after the layout built in Lionel's sales showroom in New York City in 1949, is simple. **Dean** didn't duplicate that legendary layout rail for rail. Instead he did his very best to update its classic design in a way that is sure to inspire others to build model railroads.



Dean used schematics of Lionel's layout as the basis for his recreation. He included many of the elements originally found on that "O" gauge masterpiece. Among these highlights are a river and waterfall in the foreground, a no. 313 bascule bridge traversing the river, passenger platforms, a mountain, and an elevated track encircling a small town of Plasticville models.



The accessories are mainly Lionel postwar pieces, along with some modern reissues. Many of those on the layout, such as the water tower (No Jim, Not the Arnold Water tower), log loader, station platform, and Lionel City station, were included in the 1949 display.

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Wanted/For Sale or Trade

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

FOR SALE: NEW PARTS: 1928 Running Board, 1928 Radiator Splash Apron, 1928/29 Running Board Splash Shields, 1928/29 Fiberglass Front Fenders, Front Fender Braces, Ford Step Plates, Running brd Brackets, Light Sw. Rod, Light sw. Body, Front Bumper, Steering Stabilizer, Heater Hook-up Kit, Headlamp Reflectors. All parts are new from Bratton. **USED PARTS:** Seven Tooth Steering Box with New spark & gas rods, steel front fenders, hood **Palmer Lawson** 314.705.0276

FOR SALE: '67 Mustang Deluxe. Beefed up 5.0 EFI '91 engine. A/C Dual Exh., auto, restored < 5K miles. Drives out great. \$17K **Dave Smith** 314.895.3416

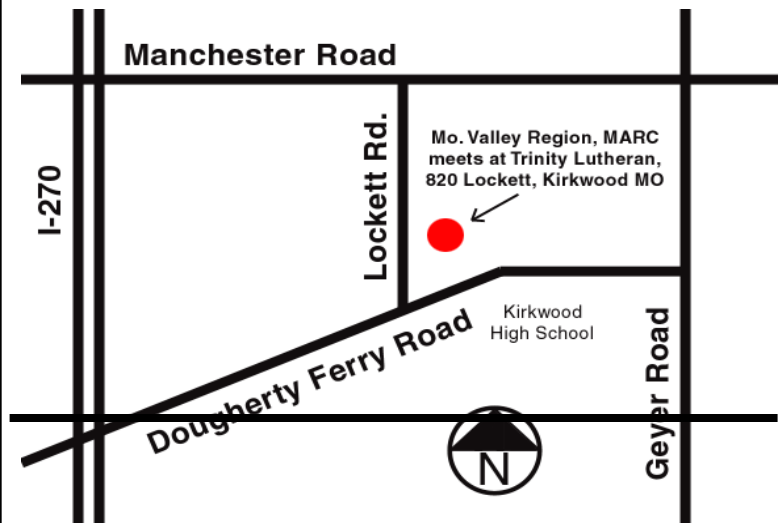
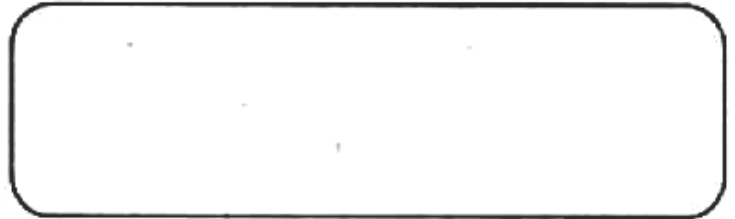
WANTED: Buy/Trade 1928-29 Radiator. **Paul Ganninger** 636.529.0125

WANTED: '29 Tudor door hinges 3ea R&L (I'll take off junk doors) **Fred Burk** 314.821.6072

FOR SALE: Allied Engine Stand ES7A 750 pound capacity \$35 **Jack Rehagen** 314.423.1959

FOR SALE: Relined emergency bands with links, \$35 each. 1928 light switch, \$50
Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

First Class Mail



Mo Member says:

Things I gotta do:

- 1) Submit a newsletter article
- 2) Attend March 25 Safety Check
- 3) Give Phil a profile on your precious Model "A"
- 4) Sign up to help for one of our events

