

TRINITY 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

I would like to thank **Jeff Buckley** and **Terry Oberer** for the tech talk on distributors. It was very informative and encouraging to know that, with a how-to book, a rebuild is not out of the question for a novice.

I'm really looking forward to all of the things we have scheduled and I'm hopeful that most of you will join **Alice** and me.

Don't forget that the next meeting, March 6th, is movie night...so bring your date. Immediately after the meeting we will be viewing "The 20 Millionth Ford". This movie is not merely a technical documentary; it's a rare piece of history. You'll see Model A's negotiating roads that are more like paths than highways, conservative 1931 fashions, spectacular scenery and a vision of our country in its early stage of development. The film will remind you how much we take our current technology for granted. When it was made the Golden Gate Bridge didn't even exist. It will be a "talkie" so don't miss it!

Be sure to sign up for all of our March, April and May happenings as well. **Mark Schenberg** will host our safety check again at Car-Doc in Westport on March 25th. It's an important first stop of the season to get your car ready to go. So, if your Model "A" has aches and pains or just the sniffles, our doctors can give you some tips. After that you'll be ready for the first big

car show of the year at the Museum of Transport on April 1st. This will be a well publicized event and we'll be joined by other vintage Fords, including Model T's, early V8's and T-Birds. Pack a lunch, tour the museum and enjoy the day. The Easter Car Show in Forest Park is another big event. As a club we are getting

a discounted fee of \$15.00 if we have at least 10 cars participating. It's a fun day so go to church on Saturday night when it's less crowded and forget about the egg hunt and hop down to the park with us.

If you have never been to a national meet you have missed something memorable. It's not too late to sign up for MARC membership meet in Joliet and it will be closer to St. Louis than most. Think about it.

The Model "T" Swap meet at Riverport is the largest swap meet I know of in the St.

Louis area. You are bound to find something there for your Model "A" and if you don't need anything, it's fun just to look. Our club will be represented with a designated space and if you want to hang with us we would love to see you.

You'll hear more about our April, May and June events at our next meeting. We received a lot of good ideas about events for the second six months from many of our members but we could use a little help getting some of them organized and implemented. Please see **Terry Yount** and let him know what you can do to help with Ladies Night, the Family Picnic and the Fall Overnighter.



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Photo by Gene Cogor

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007 - 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church - 820 Lockett Road Kirkwood Missouri

March Minutes

by Cheryl Preston 314.353.4592

The February 6th meeting was called to order by President **Bert Schott** at 7:33pm. The president thanked the 2006 officers and board members for their service. New members for the evening included **Greg Piel** (1931 slant windshield), and **Cliff Sanders** (1931 coupe). The attendance sheet was passed around. New for this year, there will be no preprinted attendance book as members will sign in at each meeting. **Terry Yount** presented **Paul Ganninger** with a certificate in appreciation of his 2006 Vice-President services. Certificates for Perfect Attendance were handed out to club members.

Fred "Santa" Burk read a thank you letter from Marygrove children's home. The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the Model "A" club. In appreciation, **Fred Burk** received a green Marygrove t-shirt and Marygrove pens were sent to the club. The minutes from the December meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was presented by **Gene Cogorno** and approved. The 2007 Roster of Members is available for pick-up. There are 132 paid memberships. There were 12 non-renewals which included 3 new members from 2006. **Tom Holtgrave** reported on a successful Die Hard party with 28 cars and over 80 people attending. Another hit was the Annual Banquet coordinated by **Larry Hassel**. The banquet included a slide show, a lifetime membership presented to **David Hargraves**, and a magic show which included audience participation.

Bert Schott gave a review of the January board meeting. Actions taken included: 1. a donation of \$300 to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2. approval of a lifetime membership to **David Hargraves**, 3. **Gene Cogorno** will submit articles to the MARC national publication, 4. **Jeff Buckley** will be technical director, 5. form a Calendar Business Team—see **Bert Schott**, 6. a representative from the Museum of Transportation discussed our club's participation at a car show on April 1. The next tour is February 24th to Hyman Classic Cars. This museum houses about 100 cars in mint condition. The Feasting Fox is serving a buffet and showing the movie King of the Hill on February 22 for \$10. **Lance Klingemann** plans to attend. The Safety Check is March 25 at Car Doc. **Bob Taylor** will provide the oil. **Bert Schott** prepared a 2007 Budget and Calendar of Events which were given to each member. **Brad Ziegler** and **Bryan Ziegler** are updating the website with photos and links. **Jim Ruth** and **Terry Yount** plan to attend the MARC Membership Meet in Joliet in April.

Terry Yount would like to produce a Cookbook with recipes from club members. Please give him ideas, recipes, and samples. The Twenty Millionth Model "A" movie will be the entertainment for the March meeting. **John Stoecker** would like volunteers to join him in checking out the banquet facility at Genesis on Tele-

graph Road, with banquets costing \$11/person. **Phil Ierardi** presented information on the Daniel Boone Home Car Show on May 19. **Cliff Sanders** won \$35 in the 50/50. Other prize winners for the evening were: **Bill Frizelle** – motor oil, **Harry Boyd** – shirt, **Terry Kennett** – Model "A" calendar, **Lance Klingemann** – sunglasses, and **Jim Ruth** – Model "A" calendar. **Terry Oberer** and **Jeff Buckley** gave a technical seminar on distributors. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Daniel Boone & Boonesfield Village Tour by Phil Ierardi 314.692.2123

Were you disappointed when the Daniel Boone home and Boonesfield village tour was cancelled last year? -- -Well,--- we all were! However, this is a new year and we will be planning it again except this time it will be BETTER, CHEAPER and MORE FUN! The people at the Daniel Boone home were so excited about having historical cars at the village, that this time they want to put on a car show which will include other clubs as well. However, our club will be featured in the advertisements.

There will be no registration fee, a free lunch, a free video on the history of the village, free access to all the village buildings, trophies, door prizes and more. The only charge will be an optional minimal fee of \$3.00if you want a guided tour of the Daniel Boone Mansion (Last year our special fee was \$6.50 while the regular price is \$14.00).



This should be a fun event. The date is Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 am-4:00pm. Mark your calendars now. We will have a sign up sheet at the next few monthly meetings or call **Bert Schott**, who will be coordinated the event for our club, at 636.519.0431 to register. A head count is necessary so the host can plan for the appropriate amount of food needed. More information will be provided later.

WHAT A DEAL---AND LOTS OF FUN TOO!

Upcoming Events 2007

by Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

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

Mar 6 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett
Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Mar 25, Safety Check
Mark Schenberg 636.536.0060

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
David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

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
David Stukenbroeker 314.221.1444

Jun 3 Sun, Start up Party
Terry Oberer 636.677.7201

Jun 5 Tue, Regular Monthly Business Meeting-
7:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 820 Lockett
Road, Kirkwood MO **Bert Schott** 636.519.0431

Easter (April 8)

Signup Sheet at next meeting
or send to David Stukenbroeker
1156 Vinetta Dr 63131
\$15.00 due when you sign up.

Banquet Review

by Bert Schott 636.519.0431

Wow! 2006 ended with a grand finale that characterized the excitement of our fabulous year. Eighty people attended the banquet at the Feasting Fox and all attendees seemed to agree that it was an outstanding event. In addition to the ambiance, the food and camaraderie, the highlights of the evening included entertainment by illusionist **Terry Richerson** and the "Year in Review" video. Mr. **Richerson** kept us in awe of his skillful prestidigitation. Some people say, "seeing is believing", but the things he did were unbelievable even after seeing them. He burned a dollar bill and made it reappear inside a lemon that **Mark Schenberg** was holding. He made a bottle of Budweiser appear from an empty scarf that **Jeff Buckley** waved around. The other treat was a CD of "The Year in Review" which included photos of many of the club

members enjoying our many events. **David Stukenbroeker** did an outstanding job putting it together. Of course, **Dave** being **Dave**, he included many semi-embarrassing shots of people wherever he could.

This was an awards night as well and the man justifiably honored with the coveted crank shaft award was **Larry Hassel**. He went way above and beyond the call of duty by putting a professional looking calendar together in less that two months and helping with the organization of the banquet and getting the entertainment. A life time membership award was presented to **David Hargraves** who is a charter member of our club. **Dave** showed slides and gave a talk about club functions in the 50's and 60's.

There seemed to be a door prize for everyone at the banquet. Thanks to the generosity of so many members: The **Younts, Smiths, Buckleys, Phil Ierardi, Taylors', Epperts', McCallies', Klingemanns', Ron Berkel** and **Lee Majors**.

Terry thanked his officers and board members, presented them with awards and turned the gavel over to yours truly. I am thankful for all the seasoned professionals I am getting on the 2007 team...**Dave Smith**, vice president; **Dayna Cogorno**, treasurer and **Cheryl Preston** as secretary. The board members include **Terry Yount, Gene Cogorno, Don McCallie** and **John Stoecker**...a very formidable crew. **Terry Oberer** and **David Stukenbroeker** will continue as our editor and membership coordinator as well. **Terry**, the 2006 officers and board did an excellent job. We not only had more activities but the participation in the events has also grown. Those are big shoes to fill but we will do our level best to keep the momentum going.

Events like the banquet do not happen by themselves. **Karen** and **Jessica Yount** provided beautiful center pieces for the tables; **Phil** and **James Ierardi** worked the greeting table along with **Jennifer Buckley, Jessica Yount** and **Christina Cogorno**. **Jeff Buckley** produced the name tags with the correct model A body style for each member and dependable **Dayna Cogorno** was there with the 50/50.

As much as I dislike ending on a down note, I know everyone in the club has been saddened by the recent departure of **Barbara Quante**, wife of **Don**. **Don** & **Barbara** have been happily married for 49 years. We wish **Don** a speedy recovery from his heart surgery.

New Member

Greg & Barb Piel
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Saint Louis, MO 63128
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Ah-ooga

By Jack Rehagen 314.423.1959

After six months of looking at 28 cars in the Midwest, I finally found the 1930 Model A Ford Coupe that I wanted. I was looking for a car that needed a complete restoration and was priced accordingly. Depending on whether you're the seller or the buyer, there is a world of difference in what "it's really nice," means.

For two years, I wanted to participate in the October Motor Ioway Classic Car Tour. My interest in this tour was instrumental in setting my "frame off" restoration completion date as October 1, 2000. My wife, Carolee, asked me if I was crazy.

"That's only seven months," she said.

"No doubt," I said. "But let's do it."

By February the car was totally disassembled. All of the parts were cataloged and stored in two spare bedrooms, the attic, the back porch, the garage and the workshop. Gateway Metal Finishers in North County bead blasted the 14 major body parts before rusted panels were replaced. The parts were then shipped to J.T. Auto Body on Lindbergh for additional bodywork and a black base coat/clear coat finish. I cleaned and painted the chassis frame. The entire bolt on equipment was repaired, replaced or painted to achieve the 1930 standards. The suspension, front axle, steering and rear end along with the complete brake system were rebuilt. All wiring was replaced. The radiator and gas tank were boiled out and repainted. The completed chassis was ready for body installation by mid-May. The engine and transmission were inspected with only clutch parts needing replacement. It is to be noted that I received a lot of help from some of the very knowledgeable members of the Missouri Valley Region Model A Restorers' Club. Lastly, as the final task, I reinstalled the existing mohair interior and applied new fabric to the roof.

In late September, there were a few test drives to eliminate any bugs and gain some confidence in the mechanical portion of the restoration. On Sept. 30, the car (with 14 miles on it) was towed to Cedar Rapids, IA for the start of the tour. The car performed well and "Ah-ooga" as Carolee lovingly calls her, gave us 850 trouble-free, enjoyable miles. The Model A is truly a remarkable automobile.



Our New Web Site

Please visit our web site at www.modelAclub.org and see our new look. **Brad** and **Bryan Ziegler** have volunteered to redesign our site. It is packed with previous newsletter and many photos of our events. We will have a members photo gallery to show off our Model "A" cars to the world. Please look at our site and email webmaster@modelaclub.org to give your ideas and thoughts about our new site. This is a work in process and it takes a while to get everything on it.

2007 Awards Banquet

Photos by Bob Austin, Gene Cogorno, Lance Klingemann



Technical Seminar

Many thanks to **Terry Oberer** and **Jeff Buckley** for a very informative and interesting on the different types of distributors for our Model "A" cars. **Terry** showed the problems with early models and then how Ford corrected them, and of course, tricks of the trade to make them perfect.



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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

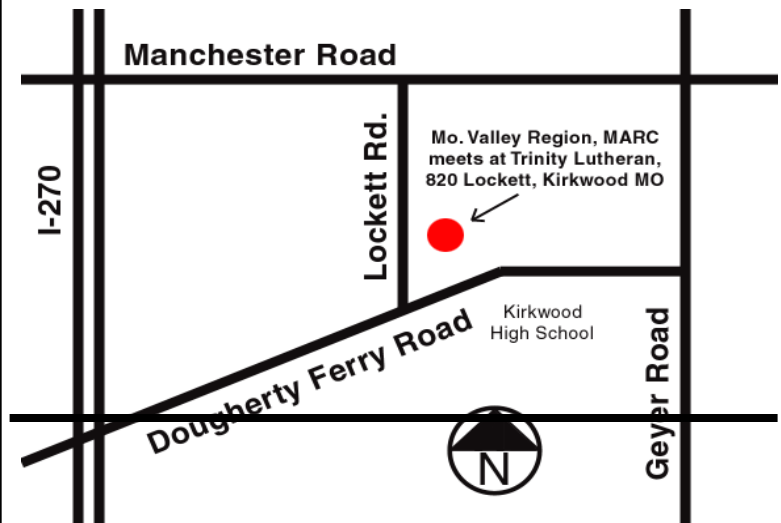
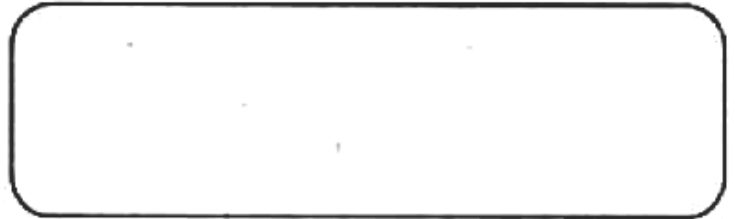
FOR SALE: 1930 Tudor body. No fenders or hood. Gas tank rusted. Steel roof added. Shell in good shape. \$950 **Bill Langer** 314.469.4934

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: New fresh short grain top material plus the cotton pad for 1928 thru 1931 Model "A" Tudor or Fordor. \$35. Excellent used windshield hinge, part that attaches to the underside of the header for 30-31 Tudor and other bodies. Sandblasted and no pits \$25 **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

