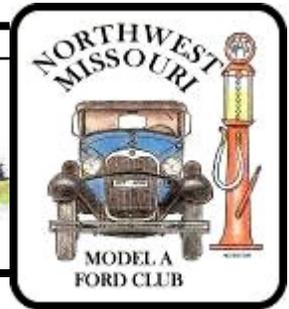


The ROAD RUNNER

MAFCA Charter

MAFCA "Newsletter of Distinction" 2008, MARC "Honorable Mention" 2008

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Birthdays

Lee Donius	7-12	Gladys Lawson	7-15
Devin Skillman	7-12	Virginia Weigum	7-19
Ronnie Miller	7-14	Babetta Isreal	7-30
Marvin Taylor	7-16		
Leland Daise	7-27		

Anniversaries

Clarence & Gladys Lawson 7-3
 Charles & Judy Ishmael 7-4
 Quenten & Joyce Kerr 7-7
 Don & Lois Lobner 7-24

Monthly Meeting

The 1st Monday of the Month,
 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting
 The American Legion, 92 Hwy & DD,
 Smithville MO
July 6, 2009

Board Meeting

The 3rd Thursday of the Month, 7 pm
 The Mid-Continent Library
 Boardwalk Shopping Center, Barry Road and I-29
July 16, 2009

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club

Meets every Wednesday 7:00-10:00
 HY-Vee, Englewood and N Oak

Ice Cream & Socializing

Every Saturday evening 6:00 PM
 Big Burger
 4700 NE Vivian Rd

I have belonged to many clubs and organizations, as I'm sure so have you, what makes this club different? Why do we get on average 75% to our regular meetings, 100% to our board meetings, 15 or more getting up before dawn to come to the Hi Vee, same number to Saturday night ice cream. Why?

I wish I could give you some grand and glorious answer, but why spend good time looking for one. As the old saying goes if it isn't broke, don't fix it.

All it takes is for each of us doing our job to the best of our abilities. Remember our new members, job one is to make them feel welcome..



CU On The Road

Bill Auch, President

Women like silent men. They think they're listening

-Marcel Archard

Ok, I admit it, I'm hooked! (As if there was any question!). But several years ago, if anybody had told me I would be excited about spark plugs, I would have thought they were nuts!

On a recent visit to my brother's farm in Minnesota, he happened to mention to Wink that he had recently ran across some strange old spark plugs while cleaning though boxes in his barn. He had thrown them out back with scrap metal to be hauled off. Upon hearing the description of the porcelain with brass fittings, Wink had to go digging. Low and behold, they were 3x replacement plugs for the Model A (not the originals, darn it, but still old!).

Wink came into the house excited about finding one plug and my brother asked him where the other 3 were. Seems he had thrown out 4 of them. So the crack of dawn the next morning found Wink back digging through the pile, and yes he found all 4. To make a long story short, he brought them home, polished them up, and they are now running in the Old Lady. He called me out to the garage to look, and I can't believe how nice they looked. In fact, I found myself going back out later to look again, because they just looked so perfect under that hood. Strange how one man's trash can be another man's (and lady's) treasure!

As I said earlier, I think I'm hooked! You know, lately my life's taken some strange turns on it's journey, but I'm sure enjoying the ride!

Happy "A"ing to everybody!



Sherry Winkinhofer – Newsletter Editor



Activities & Regional Events

◆ July 4th—Parkville 4th of July Parade

Contact Ron Anderson

- ★ *Club Sponsored Activity*
- ◆ *Club participation invited*

★★ July 6th— NW MO Model A meeting ★★

The American Legion, 92 Hwy & DD, Smithville MO
Featuring

◆ Aug 11th—Roadsters and Ruts

Transportation in the 1920s and 1930s
Jim Spawn, Old Shawnee Town
11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas.

July 11 th—North Kansas City Cruise Night

5pm-9pm, 18th and Fayette Street
Attractions include: Dash Plaques, DJ, and 50/50 Pot.

★ Aug 16th—Lecompton KS

Plans Pending

July 17—Garage Night

Charley Ishmael, Lathrop MO
Subject for the evening is water pump
build one if you have new parts, come help or watch if you
don't

◆ Aug 20-23 14th Great Annual Model A Run around Iowa

Des Moines IA

Info: [Joe Lamb](mailto:Joe.Lamb), 515-289-4437.

Web Site: www.CentralIowaModelACub.com

September 11-13 Edgerton Mo

Sept 12 parade 10am to noon
Edgerton mo parade committed

[Sept garage night open](#)
[Please signup](#)

◆◆ July 18th—Vineyard Grand Classic Car Show

Feature Car this year is the Model A!
Special invite to our club for participation
8:30 Am until Picnic Time
12300 NW Arrowhead Traffic way, KCMO (169 & 435)
For more info, call John Osborn

September 20-23 2009 MARC National Tour

Charlottesville, Virginia

For further information, contact
Woody Williams, 703-858-1192
or vamodela@verizon.net

★★ July 18th— Club Picnic, Smithville Lake ★★

shelter house number 2 this year
1:00 start time
Pig Roast confirmed, Pot Luck side dishes

[August Garage Night open](#)
[Looking for a Volunteer!](#)

★ Sep 26—International Model A Day

Plans Pending

[October garage night open](#)
[Please sign up](#)

August 1st—Cruisin' Lathrop
3:00 Pm until ?
Pavement Parking

Check out website calendar for other events and dates and for other
changes and cancelations to tours.

Deadline for the Next Road Runner

The 20th of the preceding month
Email to roadrunner@nwmomodela.com

Or mail to: Sherry Winkinhofer
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Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club Meeting

June 1, 2009 American Legion Hall Smithville, MO 7:00 pm

Treasurer's Report – Approved as read.

Entertainment: Dennis Hartman provided the entertainment with a demonstration of old record players.

Membership: Scott reported that we have 56 members in attendance. The memberships stand at 61 with 112 members.

Activities: John passed around 3 activity sign ups: Lathrop Car Show Sunday June 20th, Parkville Parade July 4th, and the Vineyard Car Show featuring the Model A Saturday July 18th. The July 18th picnic will have a roasted hog delivered at 1:00 the rest of the menu will be potluck. Bring your own table service.

Concerns: Marsha read the June birthdays and had those members stand and be recognized. The anniversaries were then recognized. Cards were sent to Dan Wantland and Jim & Paula Steenstry

Publications: Sherry mentioned that she forgot to include the dates for the Model T's coming through the area June 25th.

Purchasing: Ron and Barb were not present.

Technical Advisor: Ken mentioned the garage night at his house last month and the upcoming garage night June 23rd at 7:00 at Malcolm McIntyre's. Ken brought his carburetor jet that was not only plugged but had come apart in two pieces. John Osborn recommended that the wiring not be changed to wire around the ignition switch as had been seen in recent publications so that in case of a short the generator doesn't overload the rest of the systems. Jon placed cards on the table with information on the Parkville cruise nights June 6th, August 1st, September 5th and October 3rd from 4:00-9:00 at their historic downtown.

Historian: Joy brought the books, and the Minden pictures are included in them.

Director: Lyman reported that Jim Spawn will be sending a copy of the Restorer to the VA home in Cameron. Lyman reported that they are starting a mystery car feature and the first car was in the last Road Runner. The last issue contains pre-restoration photos, and the after photos will be in the next Road Runner. The mystery car was Lyman's. The mystery member was Bill Auch.

Properties: Lee was not present.

Webmaster: Dave had nothing to report.

Vice President: Harvey is looking for entertainment for September. Harvey said that they had several cars that went to the Atchison fly in.

Misc: Sherry made a shirt embroidered with the club logo that was auctioned for the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted Malcolm McIntyre



I hear a big "Thank You" is due to Tim Osborn for cleaning up the parking lot at the Legion last meeting! Or at least I heard all the trash in the parking lot ended up in the back of his truck! Hmmm, wonder how that happened!

Mystery Member!

Our Mystery Member for June was Bill Auch!

July's Mystery Member—Caught crawdads with a piece of liver on a line and pole and sold them for a nickel for the big ones and 3 cents for the smaller ones. His father-in-law's dad, who lived next to the James Farm in Kearney, dealt with hogs with Frank James. His father-in-law's dad's wife, took food to the James gang when they were in jail. His first car was a 1971 Vega Station Wagon with 260 WHB radio stickers on it. Was the arm wrestling champion in high school four straight years. Who is it?!

SUNSHINE/CONCERNS

Marcia Auch is our Sunshine/Concerns lady! If you know anybody in need of a card or phone call, please let her know. And, if you just want to share the news of a happy event, such as a new grandbaby or a wedding, let her know that too!

Call 816-436-3230

June Meeting 06/01/09

The June meeting was well attended as usual! It was a beautiful evening to get out of the house and spend some time with friends! Following the evening meal, Dennis Hartman entertained us with the turn of the century version of an ipod! Thomas Edison, (a good friend of Henry Ford, by the way!) not only invented the incandescent light bulb, but also marketed one of the first phonographs. Dennis brought in one of Mr. Edison's cylinder phonographs which was designed to be portable entertainment. According to Dennis, this machine weighed about 30 lbs (way heavier than today's ipod!), but was the first time that a person could actual transport music from place to place without live musicians! This machine used hollow wax cylinders with the music inscribed in grooves. Standard-sized cylinders were approximately 4.25" long and 2.1875" in diameter, originally sold for 50 cents each and typically played at 120 r.p.m. A variety of selections were featured on the cylinders, including marches, sentimental ballads, hymns, comic monologues and descriptive specialties, which offered sound reenactments of events. Dennis entertained us with a number of songs, but he ended with our favorite tune, "Henry made a Lady out of Lizzy"! Sounded like the version by the Happiness Boys to me, but I forgot to double check with Dennis at the end of the evening.

The rest of the evening went by quickly, with the business of the club being quickly taken care of. The door prizes followed, with a denim shirt embroidered with the club logo being so popular that it was auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then the rest of the evening was left for more visiting and Model A talk! If you didn't make it to the meeting, we missed you and hope to see you next month!



These pictures are similar to the items that Dennis had, but unfortunately my camera batteries went dead on me, so I didn't get any actual pictures.



Lathrop Car Show June 21st

A great way to spend Father's Day! A dozen or more cars from the club made an appearance at this annual show. Although the weather was hot and humid (normal for June in Missouri!), everyone had a great time! And Lyman took 1st place and Jim Steenstry place 3rd in the old car category! Nice work guys!

The fairground was crowded, with activities abounding. Tractor pulls, steam engines, vendors, a flea market, homemade food and treats, etc., there was something for everybody!



Enjoying the shade in the hot weather!

Charlie Ishmael again provided his little Jacobson tractor as a people mover which greatly aided in that long climb up the hill. Charlie also brought his little Worthington golf tractor that was converted from a Model A for all the guys to play with! Harry Lewis showed up in his Model T

to drive around in (Guess the A was in the shop!) The day went by fast, but a good time was had by all!



An impressive line-up!

Roadsters and Ruts: Transportation in the 1920s and 1930s

Award-winning author and historian, Jim Spawn will present Roadsters and Ruts: Transportation in the 1920s and 1930s at the Town Hall in [Old Shawnee Town, 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas](#) on Tuesday August 11, 2009. The multi-media program examines the advancement and challenges as the automobile age blossomed. Through rare photos and film, the program takes us back to a time when cars were simple and roads were dirt. The program runs from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Vintage car owners are encouraged to drive their cars. Era clothing is also encouraged. The program is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council and Friends of Old Shawnee Town.

The management at Old Shawnee Town has announced that they will be serving free Root Beer Floats to those that attend the program on August 11!

Because response to this program is expected to be brisk and to make sure there is adequate designated parking for Model A's, we're asking those planning to attend to just send a quick e-mail indicating that they are planning to drive their vintage car. Also, how many persons you'll have. Advance registration isn't required - this just helps planning for the event. Thanks!

E-mail Jspawn321@aol.com

Penetrating Oils

Submitted by Tim Fields

Source—as found in the *Vintage Thunderbird* newsletter, originally from the April 2007 edition of "Machinist's Workshop" magazine

A subjective test of all popular penetrates was performed with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment

<u>PENETRATING OIL</u>	<u>Average Load</u>
None	515 pounds
WD-40	238 pounds
PD Blaster	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench	127 pounds
Kano Kroil	106 pounds
ATF-Acetone mix*	53 pounds

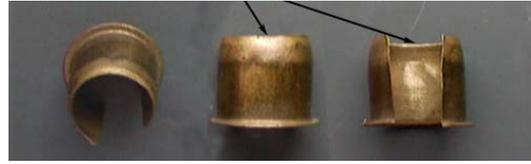
*The ATF-Acetone mix was a "home brew" mix of 50-50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. I have not tried this and had never heard of it, but thought it was worth passing along. I'm sure someone in the Model A club has a rusted bolt or two to try with this—Tim

SMITHVILLE LAKE PICNIC

Remember, the annual picnic is Saturday July 18th, Shelter house #2 at Smithville Lake, 1:00 pm
Bring a pot luck dish to share! The roast pig, and condiments will be provided by the club.
Drive your car, we hope to have a great day for another photo op!

Model A Mystery Part

How well do you know the Model A? Do you know what this part is?



For "Bragging Rights", put your answer on a postcard and send it to:

John Osborn, 802 NE 73rd Terr, Gladstone mo 64118

Or

Email: roadrunner@nwmomodela.com

Last Month's mystery part:

This is a security seal on the back of a Stewart –Warner Speedometer!



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Just a reminder – The Road Runner is always available as an email! Be the first to get your copy hot off the press! You can choose to received an electronic copy only, or in conjunction with your mailed hard copy. Just email me at roadrunner@nwmomodela.com and let me know if you want the electronic version only, or also!

Wink's Tech Tips



Ken Winkinhofer, Tech Advisor

This month's tip is shared from the "Desert A" Newsletter, from the "Model A Restorers Club of Arizona", as written by Tommy Hahn

Speed vs. RPM

Many of us wonder at what RPM we are running when we are driving our Model A's. Some of us are fortunate enough to have tachometers and can tell when we are driving at what RPM we are running while us less fortunate are at a loss. We drive scratching our heads and hope we don't over rev the engine and blow it up. However, there is a simple and accurate way of determining our RPM's at different speeds. The only tool you will need to supply is a tape measure. Here is a formula and explanation of how you can figure it out.

RPM = Miles per hour x gear ratio x 336 Tire height

First of all, measure the height of your tire with your trusty tape measure and measure as close as possible (within at least 1/2 of an inch). Then decide on what speed you are going to drive and what your rear end gear ratio is. Most of you may be running a 3.78:1 which is normally the stock gear ratio. The number 336 is a constant so use that in your formula. So let's now do a little figuring on how to compute our RPM's. Since most of us drive at 45 mph, we will use that in our formula and let's use the stock 3.78 rear end gear ratio and a stock 19" tire mounted is 28". Please note I am using tire size 475/500-19 which is the 1930/31 tire size. 45 mph x 3.78 x 336 divided by 28 = 2042 RPM. If you are using a higher speed rear end such as I am using then change the gear ratio to a 3.54 or for the speedster and hot rodders using a 3.27 rear end gear ratio, simply substitute the proper gear ratio. If you drive slower, then change the mph you are using. 30.75" is the size 28-29 Model A's use. Change the lower division number to 30.75. Should your model A be equipped with an overdrive such as a Mitchell, then reduce your RPM's by approximately 25%. Since my model A engine is getting a little weak I tend to drive around 40 but hopefully that will change when my new inserted motor is installed, regardless this is the right formula for you to use to figure out your car. I hope this may help you and happy motoring!!!!

Fabrics of the Model A Decade

The following is an excerpt from an excellent website—<http://www.fabrics.net/joan1000.asp>. Although the entire article covers from 1920-1959, I have extracted just our era info from it. But the entire article is fascinating reading!

Vintage Fabrics - IN SEARCH OF WARP ENDS, Part II: A stroll through fabric stores 1920-1959

By 1928 the hemline dipped to mid-calf and inching downward. Frocks were very feminine, two piece and form fitting. Sheers such as Normandy voile with its applied dots to imitate swiss, lawn [or linon], organdy and dimity were vogue. And improvements in rayon technology made figured rayons a hit for summer frocks.

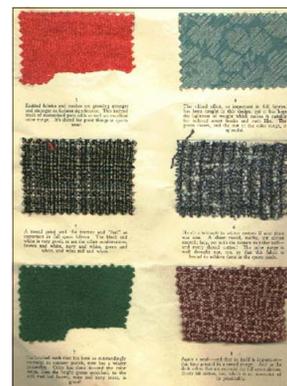
The continued improvements in rayon made the 30s a decade of experiment, spinning and blending rayon in every conceivable way. Flat rayon/ cotton crepe and rayon/cotton alpaca were early 30s fashion favorites as were eyelets, all-over laces, wool jersey for campus wear, frocks and children's wear; wool flannel with a broadcloth finish [smooth] in dressweight for dresses, skirts, frocks; washable flannels of 25% wool blended with cotton [similar to Viyella]; wools to resemble cashmere and wool crepe blended with chiffon.



Fashions in colorful soft summery prints as hemlines lengthen. -Sears Catalog 1933

Weaving variations on cottons produced some startling effects. Some were made to resemble nubby ratines, looking and feeling like wool in bold diagonal plaids, tweeds and thick/thin mesh weaves. Others were plain and lacy cotton knits and plain and brushed meshes in gorgeous shades of coral and spring green; epongees with raised threads to form 1/4" squares; cotton suedes; plush velveteen pique resembling narrow wale corduroy; colorful embroidered chambrays with brilliant tufts; silky pima percales, broadcloths and dress poplins of plain weave variations in lime, tangerine, faded blue and turquoise prints; and medium dressweight cotton broadcloths that were highly lustrous and indistinguishable from silk.

With all the novelty weaves on the market, a long-time popular cotton for children was demoted when longcloth was relegated to pillowcase and underwear duty.



The many deceiving textures of cotton -- knits, ribbing, nubby and brushed mesh which look and feel like wool. - Cotton Textile Institute swatch book, 1931



Beguiling spring colors in cotton for 1931—Cotton Textile Institute swatch book 1931

Roast Turkey, Chicken, Duck or Goose

This recipe, from the 1939 "Common Sense Cook Book" (from my collection) really makes me glad I live in the age of modern grocery stores!

Order the bird cleaned by the butcher. Pick out the pinfeathers and singe off any hairs over the flame of the gas stove or by means of a lighted candle. Wash, scrubbing the outside with a mild soap and water, and rinse thoroughly in plenty of cold water; then drain. Dust inside and out with salt and pepper; if the bird is to be stuffed, do it as this time, fastening up the vent and neck with toothpicks arranged crisscross fashion. Rub the bird all over with equal parts of butter or margarine and flour creamed together. Tie the legs together, tie the wings down to the body with white string, place breast side up in a roasting pan, and cook as directed for roasting meats, turning once when browned. Be sure to remove the toothpicks and string before serving.

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA, BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009, LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1. The Board accepted resignations from Terry Heselton of Vancouver, Canada, and Dave Jones of Mountain View, California;
2. Jim Morris, of Ithaca, New York was appointed as the new Director of Publications/Public Relations, filling the remainder of Terry Heselton's term of office;
3. George Tynan, of Dallas, Texas, was appointed as the new Advertising Director, filling the remainder of Dave Jones' term of office;
4. International Model A Day will be Saturday, September 26, 2009, as it celebrates Henry Ford nationalizing the Model A production facilities in England, Germany and Holland;
5. The Board is working on Bylaw revisions which will be presented to the membership to vote on later this year;
6. The Board approved Gayle Corry to serve as Chief Fashion Judge for the 2009 Texas Tour;
7. Helen Christensen and the Santa Clara Valley Model A Club have digitized 141 patterns of era fashions;
8. MAFCA is projected to have a \$96,000 reduction in income for this year;
9. Currently, all of MAFCA's funds are either in CD's or in cash;
10. The Treasurer is currently working on a revision to the Finance Policy, to bring it up to the Board's current investment strategy;
11. The Chapter Coordinator is putting the Chapter Newsletter on the MAFCA website;
12. The April Board meeting will be held on April 25, 2009, at the Best Western Irving Inn & Suites at D/FW Airport in Dallas, Texas. We want to reach out to more of the membership and give them a chance to interact with the Board;
13. We need more technical articles for The Restorer.
14. We discussed a variety of cost-cutting measures that will be discussed next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Sullins, Secretary

High Country Tour June 14-19

16 members of the Northwest Missouri club attended the High Country Tour in Breckenridge Colorado. Some drove their A's, a few trailored, and some took their modern car, but everybody had a great time! Events included a tour to Leadville (which included a summer snowstorm), a trip to the Park City museum in Fairplay, a welcome carnival, various seminars on fashion and motors, a luncheon where we were entertained by the "Apron Lady", white water rafting for the teen in the bunch, a symphony by the Denver orchestra, a grand tour to Grand Lake via Loveland pass, car games, and a great banquet to end it all off! There were just way too many activities in this week long tour to describe them all in the space allotted me, but here are a few pictures to help show the good time we all had!



**Extra Curricular activities:
Bert's Model A**



New Members to Be!



A group of NW MO members on the top!



Jim Spawn's pickup won an Award of Excellence!



MO-KS group gathered on top!



Tours! Tours! Tours!



At the boxed lunch welcome party, Nancy was really hungry!



Banquet Night!



Games, Activities and Just plain fun!



Model A's and Antique Airplanes

Submitted by Harvey Roseberry

That's what we encountered on a beautiful Saturday in Atchison, Kansas.

The Atchison, KS annual Memorial Day antique aircraft fly-in is where NW Club members motored their A's to. Model A's (25+) were provided special parking on the airfield for visitors to view along with the vintage aircraft.

Visitors were able to walk freely around the airfield and see aircraft up close which was really neat.

Ron Anderson proudly displayed his vintage Taylor Craft airplane. Bob Hess was able to catch a ride in an open cockpit aircraft that is powered by a Model A engine. Renee Weber also was able to take a trip around the pattern in a small plane. Club member from all three local Model A club's participated which also made this a special fun Saturday.

Mark your calendars for next year, you won't want to miss this fun



Ten Commandments for the Antique Automobile Enthusiast

- I. Thou shalt not store thy Antique Auto out of-doors--The wife's new car loves the outdoors.
- II. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors Antique Auto, not his heated garage, nor his new Brumfield head.
- III. Thou shalt not love thy antique Auto more than thy wife and children--as much but not more.
- IV. Thou shalt not read thy "Restorer" on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible for thee to make payments on thy latest Antique Auto.
- V. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Chevy, nor his street rod.
- VI. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the Holy Days of Hershey..
- VII. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive, when indeed, thou art going out to look at another Antique Auto. (Thou can never have too many Antique Autos)
- VIII. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the various costs of thy latest restoration--at least not all at the same time.
- IX. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house then use it to store Antique Auto parts; thou shalt not store Antique Auto parts in the attic when thou canst store them under the bed out of sight..
- X. Thou shalt not buy thy wife an upholstery kit for Christmas..

(From the "Desert A" Newsletter, the "Model A Restorers Club of Arizona")

Tech tip for July, 2009



When liberating the chassis you may want to consider replacing the original grease zerts with the modern type. The original type did not have a check ball in the fitting and can leak grease. Also the original type will not work with today's grease guns. If you want to stay with the original type zert you can purchase the tip for your gun to fit the original from most Model A parts suppliers.



Happy motoring,



Bob Hess

Mystery Car!

Last month's mystery car was Lyman & Etta Ridgeway's Roadster! Here's a shot as it looks today!



Les Andrews, President of MAFCA, dropped by Jim Spawns' office earlier this month. He and his wife, Bobbi, celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a trip to Branson. They were on their way back to the airport. Lyman got wind of it and also stopped in.

Commentary on Maintenance-continued



Submitted by John Osborn

The next excerpt from this interesting article that was printed in "The Restorer", May/June 1996 issue, and written by Jeffrey S. Howard. As planned, I will be presenting sections of this multi-paged the article over the next several months. I hope you enjoy it.

As the mid-30s evolved, many Model A's still in serviceable condition entered the used car market. Many ended up as "first cars" in financially disadvantaged households. That is "P.C." for "many ended their useful economic lives in ghettos, barrios, or as prime movers for migrant workers in the Western U.S." No matter now it is stated, the fact remains that millions of Model A's were worn out in conditions where maintenance practices were not a priority. They had survived the Depression when little money was available for proper care only to be sold into a life where no money was spent on them.

During the early 1930s, hundreds of thousands of Model A's were rendered unserviceable while their chassis and running gear was quite young. High unemployment, bad roads, legal booze again, and the distances involved between home and entertainment were all factors. In other words, many Saturday nights went something like this: Take the weekly bath and put on clean "Duds." Drive 30 miles to "Town." Go to the "Bar." Go to the "Ball game." Go back to the "Bar." Go to the "Dance." Go back to the "Bar." Go home as fast as the Ford would go feeling like "Barney Oldfield." Go "Head over heels" into a turnip patch. Get a free ride home with the "Sheriff." Let the farmer have the car for the damage to his fence.

The farmer, being as broke as everyone else, had been longing for a new John Deere since his Fordson was on its last legs. With a little help from the local blacksmith, the car could be returned to life as one of many sorts of useful things. The author has seen many Model A tractors, apple hauling rigs, a few wood saws, some deck and timber winches, water

pumps, an airplane and several welders - all of which started out as Model A Fords.

By the early 1940s, the high school and college kids with some after school income could easily afford a twice used-up Model A. A wheezing, oil pumping 40 horsepower would never do, so out came the speed equipment!

A kid could bolt on a 7: I head and a Stromberg two barrel downdraft, throw in a Winfield camshaft and pound the bab-bitt out of the bottom end in a matter of days. For \$3 to \$5 he (or for that matter to be politically correct, "she") could buy an engine from the local junk yard and repeat the process again and again. A million engines were probably finished off this way in a blinding flash of instantaneous rubber burning racing glory as the little bent paper clip of a crankshaft whipped the entire assembly to rubble.

During the 1930s, millions of tons of scrap metal, including leftovers from the homemade tractors and burned up engines were being shipped to Japan. Many of the young men who had raced their A's as high school hot shots were soon to see some of that scrap metal again in different form.

The youngest Model A was only 10 years old when the events at Pearl Harbor plunged America into World War II. Having barely emerged from the Depression when little money was available, the war began a period when no new cars and very few parts were to be had. The Model A's still operational in late 1941 suddenly became very valuable commodities.

A little bird told me Terry Richardson was concerned about a ringing noise his A was making on the return from the High Country Tour. Then he found a cowbell hung under his car! Hmm, wonder how that got there! (I don't do it, I just report it!-the editor)

A big thanks to our new proof reader Renee Webber (Since Wink was falling down on the job!),
I know that with her on the job, quite a few less grammatical errors should slip through!

Note from Wink—Thanks for all the prayers and well wishes I received during my brief hospital layover during the High Country Tour. Luckily I left the hospital with a clean bill of health and no residual problems! Thanks again!
Ken Winkinhofer

For Sale / Wanted

As a service to our members, the three area Model A clubs have decided to mutually share our classified ads sections! (this will include Model A specific items only.)

For Sale: 1928 complete engine and transmission, pedals, brakes, and other parts, too much to list here. License plates too!
Contact: Paul Gardner 816-393-5435 evenings

Wanted: Round Warner speedometer for 1931 Model A. Must be re-buildable.
Contact: Delbert Felts
Phone: 913-845-3113

For Sale: 1931 Victoria
Cobra Drab (two tone brown) Leatherback, Older Restoration Very good runner, 12 V, Tube shocks, Mitchell overdrive, Electronic ignition, Price: \$20,000 Clear title
Contact: Bob Craig, Shawnee Mission KS
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Wanted: Any and all Model A sheet metal parts. Will consider any condition.
Contact: Jim Huseby 816-690-8464, 816-690-6831

Wanted: Any 19" or 21" used tires
Contact: Billie Beeson 816-358-4967

Wed. Technical Meeting & Breakfast

Early Wednesday morning breakfast continues to be a popular activity. Some long term members have shown up for the first time, some new members have joined us, and there have been several visitors that are potential members! It's not unusual now for close to 20 participants or more to join in on this early morning get-together!



John Osborn continues to be a great source of technical information. Among the items brought in during the month of June, John brought in a magnetic fuel bowl attachment to stop rust and metal crud in the bowl and not in your carb. Interesting. He also showed a unusual ratcheting tool (used by line men in Power & Light). Another week had him sharing details about brake problems on a car he had been working on. He demonstrated the importance of loosening the adjustments on the brakes before removing the wheel hub by showing a sample that had been bent 7 degrees by the force of the wheel puller. This caused the brake shoes to not set flat on the drum when reinstalled, resulting in a loss of 75% of the brake efficiency. Not good! The following week he brought in a sears carb, demonstrating how to fix the leaks and rework the float valve.

Lyman Ridgeway brought in some Firestone extreme cold plus to show, and Wink had to show off his "new" old spark plugs he retrieved from a scrap pile. Wink also shared the article from the "Pawnee Republican", hometown paper of Table Rock NE, who printed a nice article and large picture of our recent stop over. And of course, on the last meeting just before leaving for the High Country Tour, Wink had to show off his new shirt, which is made from custom printed fabric with pictures of his car on it! Lot's of comments regarding that!

Joyce Kerr visited with the group one morning regarding the recent showing at the VA home. It was a huge hit with the residents and they hope to have us back next year to do it again! Joyce says she has been approached by one of the doctors there that has a 1930 Model A in his barn and is interested in getting assistance in getting it restored. John plans to follow up with him to see what level of interest there is and how the club can assist.

The week following the High Country tour was full of conversation centered around the fun that everybody who attended had. Terry Richardson and Tim Osborn gave a full update regarding all the events. It was a full week of activities and everybody returned safe and sound, with no major mechanical problems with our club member's cars.

A lot of technical talk and a lot of conversation takes place every Wednesday at Hy-Vees. Come join us whither you just have time for a cup of coffee, or can spend a few hours. You'll enjoy it! Hope to see you there soon!

Although always welcome, "Henry's Ladies" are extended a special invitation to attend the Breakfast meeting on the Third Wednesday of each month, to enjoy each other's camaraderie! At this meeting, you know you should always find other club ladies to share the table and a fun and interesting morning with!

Don't forget to check out

"The Plain Ol' A's" website!

www.plainolas.com-website

This club invites us on many of their outings and we really appreciate their friendship!

New Members!

It's been requested that I start printing the new members information in the Road Runner so everyone can update their club roster as required.

It appears that for once there are no new members to add! But at the next meeting, look around for a member you haven't talked with before, and get to know a new friend!



Garage nights!

Ken "Wink" Winkinhofer

June's garage night at the McIntyre's was another success. It was a little more lightly attended than the first due to the heat, but turns out Malcolm has an air conditioned garage., so the members that made it didn't suffer!

Ten guys showed up to assist and/or watch the installation of Malcolm's new "Flat Head Ted's Brake System" on his rear brakes. A number of ladies also came along for the companionship and spent their time in the comfort of the house. Sherri provided refreshments for all.

Malcolm and John Osborn did the bulk of the actual work, but the other guys offered assistance as needed and able. It was a lot more involved than might be expected. But everyone I've talked to says it's worth the effort. They DON'T fix a bad brake system, but they DO enhance a good existing system into a great system.

The work started a little before the scheduled start time of 7:00, but took until around 10:00 pm to be completed just on the driver's side. Malcolm plans on completing the other side as soon as possible!

When installing this system, all the slack in the rods and pins must be corrected for the system to work correctly. The most difficult part of the installation was re-attaching the return spring on the parking brake. With John's experience, he was able to show everybody how to rig up a gadget to simplify this task. With it, Malcolm was able to pull the spring from above while John snapped the spring hook on the lever as required. John made a difficult task look easy. That's where experience plays a part! Thanks John! And thanks to everyone who made this latest event a successful one!

Charlie Ishmael will be hosting the July Garage Night at his garage in Lathrop MO on July 17th. Call him for directions. The plan is to work on rebuilding water pumps. If you have one, bring it and any parts you think you will need, Charlie will have the tools. If you don't have a pump to rebuild, come anyhow and watch or add your comments and/or assistance! See you there!

We still need volunteers for the rest of the summer to share some hands-on experience! Remember, you don't have to be an expert, just be willing to ask one of our experience members for some help working on your car for any special project! Let's keep sharing that knowledge and we can all learn new things too!

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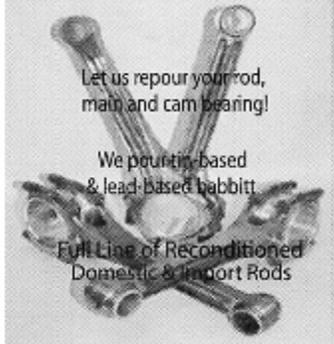
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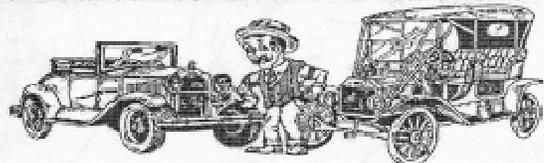
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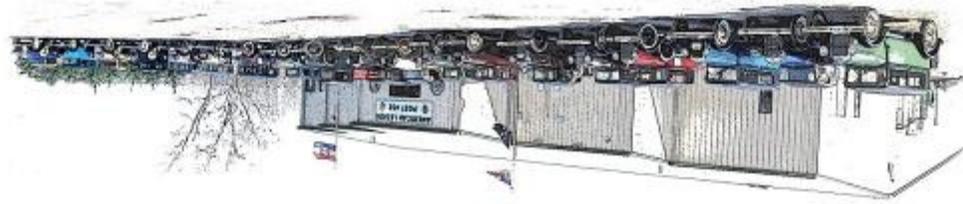
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