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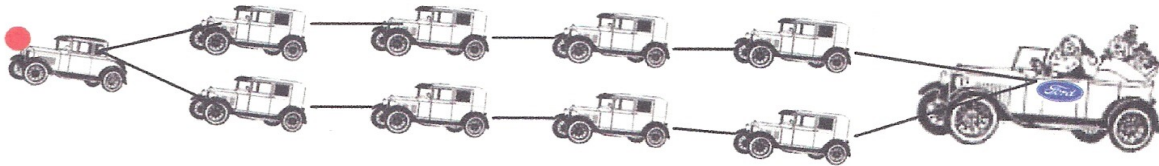
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## 'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE A MODEL A CHRISTMAS

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the shop*

*Ev'ry Ford car was sleeping as sound as a top;*



*Rubber tires had been hung by the benches with care*



*In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;*

*Nor wasn't long till my headlights did sharply define*

*A most beautiful "A" and eight others in line,*



*With a little old driver so lively and quick*



*I could see in a moment it must be St. Nick.*

*Even faster than eagles his Model "A's" came,*

*While he honked and he shouted and called them by name:*



*"Now Tudor! Now Fordor! Roadster and Phaeton!*



*On Coupe! On Sportster! Every Ford Model on!"*

*It was then but a flash 'till I heard in the rear*

*Quiet sliding and meshing of each little gear,*



*A big bundle of parts Nick had flung on his back*



*And he looked like a salesman just op'ning his pack.*

*He filled every tire then turned 'round with a dash,*

*Quickly sprang to the wheel and was off like a flash;*



*But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,*



*"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"*

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## ADVANCED TIMING SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 08-09

Dec. 21st **Christmas Party**— SEE PAGE 3

Jan. 11th **Custard Social**— Hostess -Cheryl Prochnow **SEE PAGE 4**

Jan. 15th **Technical Seminar**— Working with Shocks

Jan. 24th **Banquet**- Gangster Reunion Delafield Brewhaus  
**SEE PAGE 5 & 6**

Feb. 8th **Chili & Salsa Cook off**— Host Dan Kane

Feb. 19th **Technical Seminar**- Rewind and rebuilt an ahooga horn

Feb. 21st **Wisconsin Rapids Planning Meeting** Nekimi Town Hall, at  
**Noon. SEE PAGE 13**

March 1st **Greater Milwaukee Area Winter Swap Meet**-  
Hosts— Roger & Jan Olsen **SEE PAGE 7**

March **Old Movies & Slides**— Hosts Wally & Sally Kaufman

March 19 **Technical Seminar**

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**It is the intent of the Wisconsin Chapter, to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and materials for admirers of the Model A Ford and Model A Era fashions, to help those admirers become better acquainted and to maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship and sociality through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A and Family participation.**

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Correspondence to:  
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## ALL INDOOR MEETS

Held at St. Aloysius Church \* 1414 S. 93rd Street \* West Allis.  
The corner of Greenfield and 93rd St.. Enter parking lot off 92nd. The double glass doors near the 92nd St. side of the parking lot are the entry doors.

Membership meeting starts at 1:30PM, monthly event to follow.

### MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 21ST, 2008

1:30 PM



Yes its true, Santa is coming again this year and seeing that he is such a busy guy around the holidays he has asked for help. Now who can resist a request from Santa? So let's all pitch in and help the jolly old guy in the red suit.

All you have to do is call in the name and age of the child and give an idea as to what he or she would like to get from Santa this year.

If a child or grandchild is **NOT** a member of the club, all you have to do is pay a small \$10.00 fee and let Santa's helpers know what the child would like.

Santa has asked for a limit of 12 yr. of age for gifts.

Santa does know that some 40, 50 and 60 year olds would also like gifts but he is sorry he can't surprise everyone, but he would be more then happy to help surprise some grown ups. Just bring your surprise along on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Mrs. Claus or his helpers will do the rest!

As always he has asked the ladies and gentlemen to **bring a plate of their favorite cookies or if you would prefer something else it will be greatly appreciated.**

**Also for the ladies and gentlemen is a "White Elephant" gift exchange.** Please bring one gift per person if you wish to participate. Your "white elephant gift" must be wrapped.

Please call: Dan at 414-466-6750 or Sally at 414-412-7317 before December 1, with child's name and gift idea.



BOB KOLLER

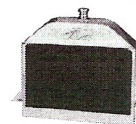
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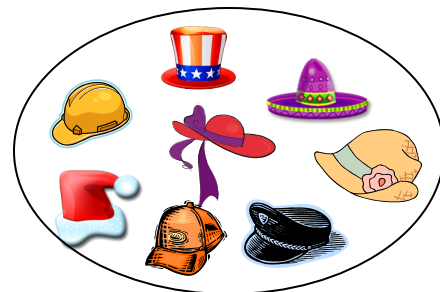
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If you are able to attend the meeting after using this procedure, The sealed envelope will then be destroyed. **Please contact Sue Quam 262-785-9021 or email [msquam@wi.rr.com](mailto:msquam@wi.rr.com)** with any questions or to obtain a ballot

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### JANUARY CUSTARD SOCIAL AND ELECTIONS "Music of the 50's"



WHEN: January 11th, 1:30 pm

WHERE: St. Aloysius- Gonzaga  
Hall

WHAT: Board of director's elections and  
general meeting followed by Custard  
Social and some 50's music and prizes

BY WHO: Cheryl Koser Prochnow

WHERE TO CALL: 262-646-9493

**FRIENDLY REMINDER, THE 2009 DUES ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 15TH, 2009,  
IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES,  
THANK YOU FOR BEING PROMPT!**



# MODEL "A" BANQUET GANGSTER REUNION JANUARY 24, 2009

Location: Speakeasy (Banquet room – lower level)  
Delafield Brewhaus  
3832 Hillside Drive  
Delafield, WI



Your master of ceremonies will be **Scarface Lars** who will be joined by his wife Pat. Scarface's henchman **Mean Marty** and his wife Jo will be hosting the reunion. Guys plan on wearing your gangster suit and ladies era clothes would be great.

**Scarface Lars** will be conducting a **silent auction** for the benefit of the club and to fund banquet amenities. Please contact the **Larsons** at 262-251-1655 or email [weslpnt@aol.com](mailto:weslpnt@aol.com) with your item(s).

There will be a twelve piece band (includes one of our members) playing 20's, 30's and 40's music for your dancing and listening pleasure. There will be Hors d'oeuvres, four beers on tap (also cash bar) and soft drinks. Dinner choices are listed below.

A block of 20 rooms will be held until December 24, 2008 at the La Quinta Inn & Suites under Model A Ford Club for \$89.00 per room. The Inn is located at 2801 Hillside Drive, Delafield, WI. Call 262-646-8500.

Social hour begins at 5:00  
Dinner starts at 6:00

**Scarface Lars** will be contacting you for **silent auction** items. He would appreciate a call from any of you with items for the auction.

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Name-----

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# Swap Meet

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## Prez notes for December 2008

A few weeks back I was exchanging emails with a friend in Missouri who is the previous owner of my Model A. In one of the emails he asked me how Miss Vicky was doing. While it only took a half second for me to understand what he was talking about – our Model A is a 1931 Victoria – it got me to thinking about what my family calls our Model A and what others in the club call their Model A's.

While our A is "Miss Vicky" to my friend, it is simply "the Model A" to our family. Call us uncreative, but my wife, my kids, and I never came up with a good nickname for the car when we bought it, and now it looks like it never will have a personalized name. (For the record, our family calls our two modern cars "Neil's car" and "Susy's car," showing an across-the-board lack of automotive naming creativity).

My friend in Missouri owns three Model A's, a roadster, a pickup truck, and his latest, a 1928 speedster. The speedster is named "Speedie" and wears its name on its license plates. I've never asked, but I bet that his roadster and pickup have nicknames, too.

It seems that few members in the Wisconsin Chapter have names for their cars, or at least names that they use in public. I can't recall any car nicknames being spoken aloud (well, at least worthy of publication!) during conversations or on club tours.

When I'm on the Internet reading postings on two of the larger Model A chat forums, ahooga.com and ford barn.com, I occasionally run across car owners who have Model A's with nicknames. The origins of some nicknames are seemingly obvious, "Henry's Lady," "Sport," and "Big Red," for example. Other nicknames are more personalized, such as "Gertie," "Betsy," and "Clarence." Some of these names are inherited or share a connection to a previous, fondly remembered owner.

Perhaps the most widely known Model A nickname is the "Rambling Wreck" of Georgia Tech. Officially called the Georgia Institute of Technology, the school's spotless white-and-gold 1930 Model A has been its mechanical mascot since 1961. The

Wreck, which really isn't a wreck, leads the college's football team onto the field at home games.

If you've come across some interesting nicknames for Model A's in our club, let me know and I'll try to add them to the next President's Notes column.

And speaking of names, as of the November indoor meet we have three names nominated for the 2009 board of directors: Dave Boucher, Mark Ackermann, and Bob Davisson. We need two more names to fill the five board vacancies, and for our club to have a true election in January we need six or more names total. If you are interested in helping guide the direction of our club in the coming year, or you know someone who is, be sure to attend December's indoor meet Dec. 21 at St. Aloysius Church in West Allis. Board nominations close at the end of the December meeting. If you cannot attend but have a nomination, please let any board member know right away. – Neil Besougloff

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*Membership Meeting Minutes for November 9th, 2008  
Wisconsin Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America*

Meeting called to order by President Neil Besougloff at 1:30pm

**Present-** Paul Piotrowski, Mike Quam, Bob Davisson, Dave Neuman, Neil Besougloff, Roger Olsen, Sue Quam, Dan Kane **Absent:** Marty Janssen

**Secretary Report (Sue Quam)** Current members 295, so far 167 have renewed. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Motion to accept by Jim Kummer and seconded by Dave Boucher.

**Treasurer's Report (Paul Piotrowski)-** Treasurers report was given, a motion to accept the financial report was made by Ed Churchill & seconded by Bob Sonnen. An invoice submitted for the renewal of Gonzaga Hall was submitted by Dan K.. The renewal price is the same as last year. Motion made by Carrie Frank and seconded by Mark Ackermann to pay for hall rental.

**VP Report (Marty Janssen)-** In Marty's absence Neil gave report. One new member application- Glenn Willcox at 5609 W. Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee. Glenn has a 1931 40-B Deluxe Roadster. The board approved Glenn's membership at the board of Directors meeting.

**Outdoor (Mike Quam)-** A new sign up sheet is out for hosting events for the 2009 Outdoor season. Some events are already spoken for.

**Indoor (Dan Kane)-** Decembers Meeting is Dec. 21st, the THIRD weekend in Dec. Today's swap meet is hosted by Dennis & Marge Pierce. The Christmas party is all ready, anyone wishing to sign up children or grandchildren need to sign up today on sign up sheet. January is our custard social and election, February will be a chili and salsa cook off there will be 1st,2nd and 3rd place trophies given. March's indoor event will be hosted by the Kaufman's showing old slides and movies from the club. If you have films or slides to offer, contact Wally a month in advance, so he has time to put all these together.

**Technical Coordinator (Roger Olsen)-** The glass etching will be the next topic for the Technical Seminar. January meeting will be shocks and February will be rewinding and rebuilding an ahooga horn 6 & 12 volt. Nothing planned for March yet.

**Club Accessories (Bob Davisson)-** Bob spoke about the new three seasons jacket we have to offer, while Carl Doro modeled the jacket. The jacket has an elastic waist band, zipper front, inside pockets. Jackets can be ordered on the supplier order form found in the Wheeling the A. Special sale price now is \$36.50 until the end of December. Then the price goes to \$41.50, this only includes the front breast embroidered logo. If you want the back of the jacket embroidered, that's an additional \$46.00

**Awards & Sunshine (Dave Neuman)-** No sunshine news to report. Working on purchasing the awards for the banquet. There is no 35 yr. award anymore, as the club is older and we now have 40 and 50 yr. awards. If you are a MAFCA member, you will receive a 35 yr. pin from them.

**Publications (Marty Janssen)-** Nothing to report

**Old Business- None**

**New Business-** Swap meet vendor registration is going very well, with the two indoor buildings we will need double the people to work doors and gates as well as unloading vehicles. We will need an extra person to take over the outside gate at 8:00 am, when Gary Schwabe goes off duty. With no Grayslake swap meet the same day as ours, we are expecting more people there. If anyone is going to any swap meet or car show and wants to take along flyers to distribute, for our swap meet, please contact Roger Olsen .

It is noted that the banquet form in the Wheeling the A has no place for a persons name.

Nominations for the Board of Directors were taken. Dave Boucher, Mark Ackermann, and Bob Davisson are currently running for the board. Nominations are open until the end of the next indoor meeting which is Dec. 21st. 2008.

**MINUTES CONTINUED:**

Webmaster Carl Doro reminds everyone not to use the RSVP button on the email event reminders that go out automatically. If you want to RSVP, please contact the event host.

Dave Boucher reminded us all volunteer positions are always open for anyone to run for. Dave has decided to give up the position of Video Librarian. Ron Smith has volunteered to take that over.

**Correspondence:** A couple of newsletter reciprocals.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Sonnen and seconded by Carrie Frank

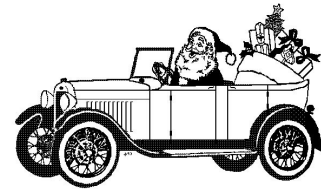
Next membership meeting is December 21st, 2008 at 1:30pm. A Board of Directors meeting will be held at Gonzaga hall at 11:00 am. on the 21st of Dec. 2008

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sue Quam  
Club Secretary Wis. Chapter  
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FIFTY YEARS AGO, 1958 - At a regular monthly meeting, Demo Staver made a motion that our club dissolve as it now stands and join the MAFC of California. Member Wally Klager was nominated to travel to California as MAFC representative. Mr. Klager returned well impressed and enthused about MAFCA organizational ability. Upon Wally Klager's recommendation, it was decided (after much consideration) that to better our own members cause, as well as all restorers nationally, that one big club with good leadership and guidance was better than many and varied clubs. Our club MAFC had five of our officers join MAFCA and then petitioned for a regional charter, and it was granted. This is how "America" was added to the Model A Ford Club.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, 1963 - 7 families in Model A's and 4 in modern iron gathered at Capitol Court Shopping Center and were off like the wind to the focal point of the tour, the Brook Stevens Auto Museum.

FORTY YEARS AGO, 1968 - The Christmas party was held at Alonzo Cudworth Post. Santa brought a red stocking filled with candy for all the kids.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, 1973 - The family of the month was Web and Ethel Bloedorn and their five children.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, 1978 - The Christmas party was chaired by the Lower family, with Beau as Santa. Santa was assisted by Cheryl Pierce. A magic act was the entertainment.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, 1983 - The big news of December 1983 - the Milwaukee Chapter will host the World Meet in July, 1986.

TWENTY YEARS AGO, 1988 - Stan Larson, Gene Engel and Jim Kummer were making plans, forming committees, and gathering input and ideas to successfully put down the present record of 147 Model A's assembled for a chapter meet.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, 1993 - On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Wisconsin members gathered at Gonzaga Hall for the Christmas party. Hamilton High Exceptional Education Chorus was on the agenda, under the direction of club member Marilyn Bartel. Santa arrived with sacks full of goodies.

TEN YEARS AGO, 1998 - The Christmas party was held at the Sheraton in Brookfield. Hosts were the Smiths and Sillmans.

FIVE YEARS AGO, 2003 - Our Christmas party was hosted by Karlene Sillman. Several new members were announced at the meeting, Jeff and Kathie Bezotte of Racine and Rick Koepf and Karry Kultgen of Racine.

*Submitted by Art and Sue Blazek*





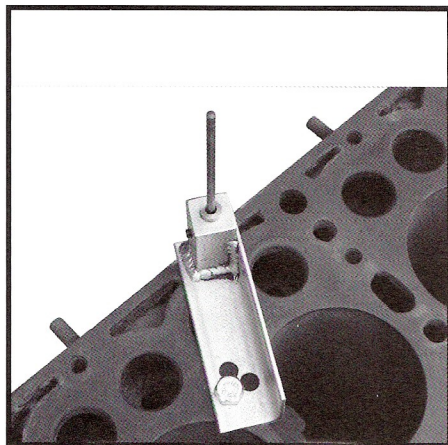
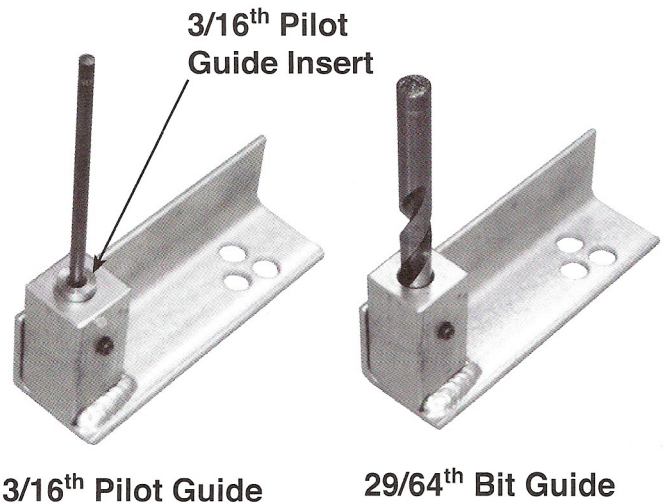
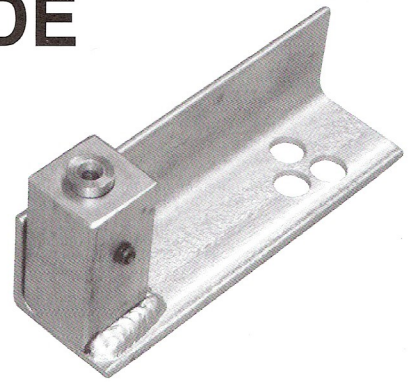
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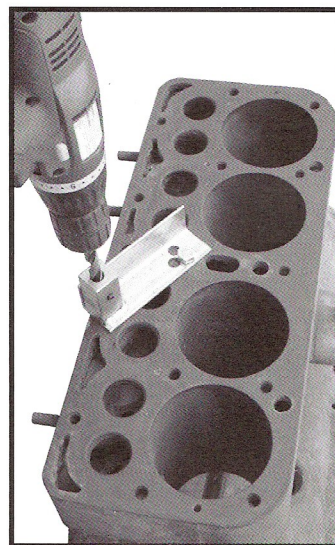
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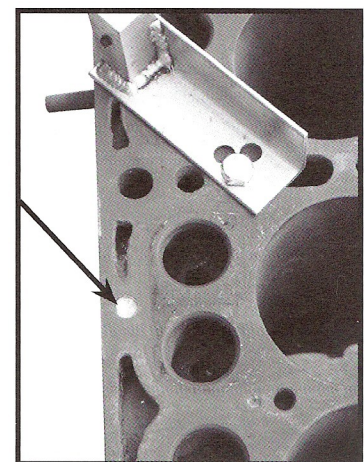
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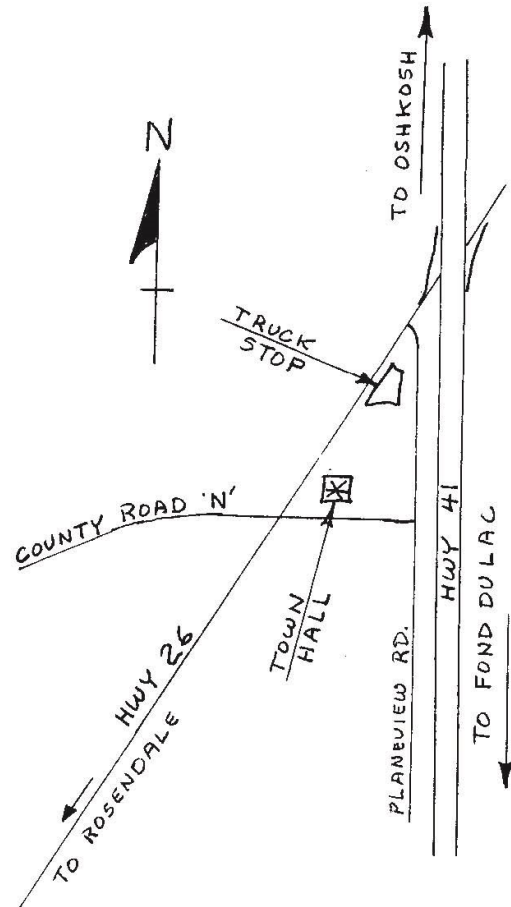
2009 Wisconsin Rapids Planning Meeting

The Planning Meeting for the 2009 Wisconsin Rapids Model A Reunion will be held February 21st, 2009, at 12:00 noon, at the Nekimi Town Hall. This meeting brings members from each of the four clubs together to plan for an exciting weekend in July.

The Town Hall is located at the intersection of State Highway 26 and County Trunk N, just south of Oshkosh, and west of the intersection of US Highway 41 and State Highway 26.

If you have ideas and suggestions for this Planning Meet, and cannot attend, please contact someone in your local club who is able to, or e-mail the Reunion's web site at [wirapidsmodela@netwurx.net](mailto:wirapidsmodela@netwurx.net).

As a reminder, the 2009 Reunion dates have been set as July 24th, 25th, and 26th.



*2nd Annual*  
**PRE-WAR AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET**

**SUNDAY - APRIL 19, 2009**  
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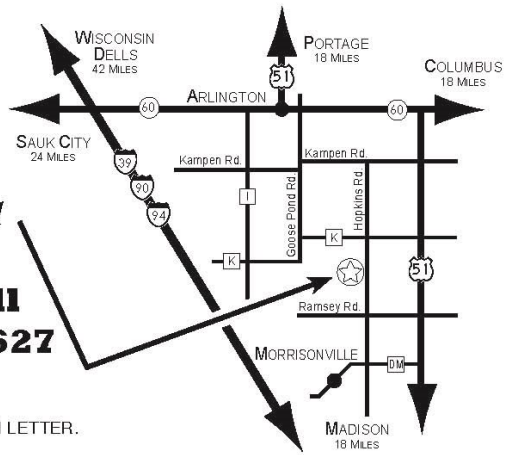
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### *Sunshine Report:*

Gary and Mary Schwabe are sad to let you know his brother, Dennis, passed away Friday, November 14, 2008, from complications with cancer. You might remember Dennis as the happy-go-lucky guy who always drove Gary's restored Mustang in 4th of July parades.

Bob Watson, of the Wisconsin Region Club, passed away recently. Bob was the fellow that had the camper that looked like a caboose at the Model A Reunion.

Bob Heinrich is home from the hospital after a little visit.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please add the following to your list:

A Recovering American Soldier  
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Think how special your one little card would be to a hospitalized soldier. Jazz it up, and add pictures and/or stories.

## **Wisconsin Chapter, Inc. MAFCA Technical Seminar Rebuilding A Rear End to A High Speed Rear End**

Our members rebuilt a rear end or axle assembly to a high speed or 3.54 ratio at our October Technical Seminar. This axle assembly went together in good time and was originally being set up for Gary Schwabe's truck. But then we didn't get to install the finished product in Gary's truck!

Another member found out what happens when you forget to check your fluid levels. A few days after our seminar he heard a very distinctive noise when he drove in the Mail Truck Model A parking lot. A short time later his coupe would not move at all. Yes, his rear axle assembly locked up. So, we put the axle assembly completed at our Thursday night seminar in his coupe and now it runs like a Model A should! Then, we disassembled his axle assembly and fixed it so that re-built rear end could be installed in Gary's truck.

The moral of this story is always double check all your fluid levels no matter who fixed your car. Of course, the person who rebuilt the coupe was not a member of our club but I bet his ears were ringing that day!

A Thanks to all that helped work on the axle assemblies both at the seminar and a few days later. We have two vehicles that are ready to tour in 2009!

Roger, Technical Chair



## **Wisconsin Chapter, Inc. MAFCA Technical Seminar Signature Etching, LLC Road Trip**

It was terrific to see many wives come with their husbands to Signature Etching LLC office on a rainy Thursday night.

Our host, Deb Westenberger, told us she can laser etch on most any flat surface. She showed us many examples done on tempered glass as well as granite and other surfaces. If the client would like color, Deb can add color to some etchings. We were able to observe her laser machine etching aluminum on a project she is doing for the library in Butler.

Deb provided me with a few samples of her laser etchings to show at our next indoor meet for those unable to be at our November seminar. Deb has invited us to come again and visit her showroom.

We had a fun evening and we even made it home in time to watch the fourth quarter and overtime of Thursday Night Football ! . . . Naturally Brett won!!!

A Thanks to all that participated at our Signature Etching road trip.

Roger, Technical Chair

### ***9 Model A's weather the 2008 Veterans Day Parade***

“Neither snow, nor rain, nor . . . ,” wait, that’s the U.S. Postal Service’s unofficial slogan, but it also applied to bundled up club members participating in Milwaukee’s chilly Veterans Day parade on Nov. 10.

With the mercury in the upper 30s, our group met at Miss Katie’s Diner near Marquette University for hot bacon, hot eggs, hot coffee and good conversation more before heading to the staging area on Fourth Street for the 11 a.m. parade. It was gratifying to see a good turnout for the parade and an opportunity to honor our veterans despite the lousy weather.

As in past years, dignitaries from the Wisconsin AMVETS organization proudly rode in our cars, which were decorated with American flags.

Club members participating were Ron Fowler, Dave Boucher, Roger and Jan Olsen, Gene and Betsy Taurman, Harold Powell, Gary Schwabe, Bob Lumley, Bob and Kitty Schaefer, and Neil Besougloff.

A few days after the parade we received a nice thank you letter from Wisconsin AMVETS executive director Mike Mahoney, for our club’s participation in the parade. – Neil Besougloff

\*\*\*SEE PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE



**2008 Veterans Day Parade Pictures:**



From left to right, Bob Schaefer, Dave Boucher, Roger Olsen, Gary Schwabe, and Harold Powell keep warm while waiting for the Veterans' Day parade to start.



Ron Fowler and Gene Taurman strike a pose at Ron's truck before the parade started.

**Waukesha Christmas Parade– Nov. 23rd**



Dave & Linda Huenink and Morgan



Sue Quam with newly restored truck "Dorothy"



# A brief history of The Model T Ford Snowmobile

(I know we are a Model A Club, but found this interesting)

## The Snowmobile Company, Inc. – West Ossipee, NH

Burr!!! Old Man Winter made his unwelcome return to the North Country. Coaxing the sleepy Model T out of the shed would take a major effort, now.

Jack up one rear wheel, push the brake lever all the way ahead, pour hot water into the radiator, and start cranking. Trying to push the magnets of the flywheel through the molasses-like oil in the pan made one wonder if the trip to town couldn't wait until spring. Time to drain the oil into a can and set it on the cook stove for a spell.



In 1917 Virgil D. White received a patent for an attachment designed to convert a Model T into a 'Snowmobile,' a name coined and copyrighted by White. White, a Ford dealer in Ossipee, New Hampshire, built his first snowmobile attachment 1913.

He put it on the market during the winter of 1922 after 'perfecting it in every detail,' selling the attachments exclusively through Ford dealers. The Snowmobile attachment consisted of the complete package necessary to convert a Ford into a reliable snow machine. Skis made of metal and wood and rear mounted tracks were the most noticeable differences.

The standard passenger car rear axle and driveshaft, rear spring, and radius rods were removed and replaced with a 7 to 1 Ford truck worm gear drive line attached to the frame by a pair of cantilevered semi-elliptical springs. Special heavy-duty wheels to fit the TT rear axle were provided along with anti-skip chains.

The earliest units sold by White included tracks made of metal cleats joined by a heavy fabric. White later switched to all metal tracks consisting of stamped steel shoes connected by chain links. Additions to the Snowmobile attachment in later years included a special box attached to the left frame for the battery displaced by the idler axle. A cast iron step sporting the Snowmobile insignia took the place of running boards, which were removed to allow room for the track system. The "Ford on Snowshoes," was offered in three different gauges.

For those living where automobiles were standard 56 inch gauge was recommended. A narrower 44-inch gauge allowed driving the Ford in the tracks of horse-drawn bobsleds. Thirty-eight inch gauge was offered for Ford owners where narrower sleigh tracks were standard, such as in parts of Canada. A special slip-on body of hard maple with four coats of paint was included as part of the narrow gauge packages.

The Snowmobile became an indispensable convenience for the person requiring rapid, dependable transport in all kinds of weather. Country doctors and rural mail carriers were the largest users of this type of vehicle. Other customers of the manufactured Snowmobile included public utility companies, lumber companies, traveling salesmen, fire departments, school bus and taxi drivers, undertakers, grocers, milkmen, truckers and cranberry growers. When the father of President Calvin Coolidge died on March 18, 1926, a Model T Snowmobile led the Coolidge funeral procession over the snow-covered hills of Vermont.

Makers of the two and a half feet of unbroken snow at an average speed of 18 miles per hour. Those who had a Snowmobile certainly used it with great satisfaction. The conversion kits were quite expensive. The attachment in 44 inch or 38 inch gauge for mounting on a roadster, or the 56 inch gauge for all body styles prior to 1926, listed at \$395.00 F.O.B., West Ossipee, *continued on next page*



This is the Milwaukee Journal Snow Flyer

New Hampshire. A 56-inch gauge attachment for the one ton truck was less expensive at \$250.00 because no special driveline and suspension were needed. Heavy duty 30 x 30-1/2-inch - wheels were still provided to mount on the rear axle, however.

With skis removed and front wheels installed; the Snowmobile became a Sandmobile, useful for transport through deep mud and heavy sand. A number of units sold as Sandmobiles were used in South Africa, Algeria, Egypt, and the Florida Everglades.

In 1923, White produced only about 70 units. By 1925, manufacturing rights to produce snow automobile attachments were sold to Farm Specialty Manufacturing Company of New Holstein, Wisconsin, which began to market its version of the product in 1926.

Farm Specialty Manufacturing Company later bought the patents of the Snowmobile Company and sent its managers to run the factory in West Ossipee. From 1924 to 1929, the Snowmobile Company manufactured about 3,300 units per year in its plant at West Ossipee and had a branch warehouse at St. Paul, Minnesota. The Snowmobile Company closed in 1929, and the factory mysteriously burned down shortly thereafter.



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