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Model A Ford Club of America

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****WELCOME SUMMER****



From the Port Washington Tour

More wonderful tours like the one above in the coming months. Check out the advanced timing schedule and articles on pages 4-7.

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- **To contact the club secretary if you have change of address, email address or phone number!**
- **To submit an article before and after your event.**
- **Deadline to submit articles and ads is the 15th of each month**
- **Check out www.model-a-wis.com for more pictures of club events.**

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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.

Advanced Timing Scheduled Events for 2014

- June 1** Sharon Model A Days - Bob & Sandi Davisson
- June 14** June Tour - Stan & Pat Larson
- July 4** Greendale Parade - Pat & Paul Piotrowski
- July 14-18** **MAFCA EVENT:** 2014 MAFCA National Convention www.2014mafcanational.org
- July 20** July Tour - Gene & Betsy Taurman
- July 25-27** WI Rapids Reunion - Kerri Kultgen
WI Chapter Representative
- Aug. 16** **MAFCA EVENT:** Ford City of Champaign, IL, near I-74 and Prospect Ave. Celebrating the Ford Model A and Model T; An invitation to display your Model A or Model T Ford (no hot rods or customs please. Please bring it for others to see on this day of celebration. Family fun, car talk, car games, restaurants and motels nearby. This event is open to the public and admission is free.
- August 24** Annual Picnic– Hosts Chris & Kate Rozman in Jackson, WI
- Sept. 6** Luther Manor Car Show - Art & Sue Blazek
- Sept. 13** Sept Tour - Dave & Linda Huenink
- Sept. 20** Richfield Thresheree - Art & Sue Blazek
- Oct. 12** Fall Foliage Tour - HOST NEEDED
- Nov. 8** Veterans Day Parade - Neil Besougloff
- Nov. 23** Waukesha Christmas Parade - Dave & Linda Huenink

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Roger Olsen 262-554-7058

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Jim Kummer 262-895-2897

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For more information log on to www.model-a-wis.com

Saturday, June 14th Flag Day Tour

WI Chapter members, military, patriots, and friends, deck your "A" with American flags as we parade at the birth place of National Flag Day.

The theme for this year is the birth of the United States army on June 14th, 1775.

Waubeka is a small town that comes alive on Flag Day. We will be one of over 100 floats, bands, American Legion Posts, and VFW Posts to make up this festive parade.

Meet: at Menomonee Falls Village Park,
Pilgrim Rd. & County Line Rd.
One mile north of I 45 & 41
Departure at 11:00 a.m.



Food is available at the Flag Day ceremony

Stan & Pat Larson would like to hear from you if can join us for this tour
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We'll come with us, and we'll see one near Rosendale, WI and see firsthand how they cope with these enormous challenges. Regardless we will have beautiful Wisconsin country ride.

Start point: Corfu Restaurant - 3025 Hubertus Rd., Hubertus, WI

Date: July 20, 2014

Departure Time: 11:00 a.m.

Destination: Rosendale Farm THE MILK SOURCE

More info to follow concerning lunch, departure time and stops.

Hosts Gene & Betsy Taurman

INVITATION TO BLUESFEST

The Waukesha Rotary Club

Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9

You are invited to attend either day or both days. Two tickets will be provided free for each day you attend with your Model A. We would like you to arrive between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please stay until 6:30 p.m., but you are welcome to stay until closing at 10:30 p.m. if you wish. The event is held at Nagawicka Park in Delafield located on Highway 83 about one mile North of I-94. For those who attended last year, parking will be in the same area. If this is your first visit ask Marty Jannsen about parking location.

Go to www.waukeshabluesfest.com for information about the event. The last couple years we had members attend on Friday and Saturday with a few attending both days. Contact Marty Jannsen, mjannsen@wi.rr.com or 262-696-4271 and let me know whether you will attend on Friday, Saturday or both days. The "A's" were a great attraction and the event committee thanks those who attended last year. The club members enjoyed the attention and questions from many visitors. A great attraction!!

Annual Picnic - August 24th

Come out for a fun picnic on Sunday, August 24th at 11:00 a.m. This year's picnic is being held at Hickory Lane Park in Jackson, WI. There are a lot of fun things to look forward to at this location! Weather permitting there is a sprinkle park for kids 0-10 years old, so bring extra clothes for the munchkins to change into. There is also a large playground that is near the shelter, so kids can play while their family can still see them easily.

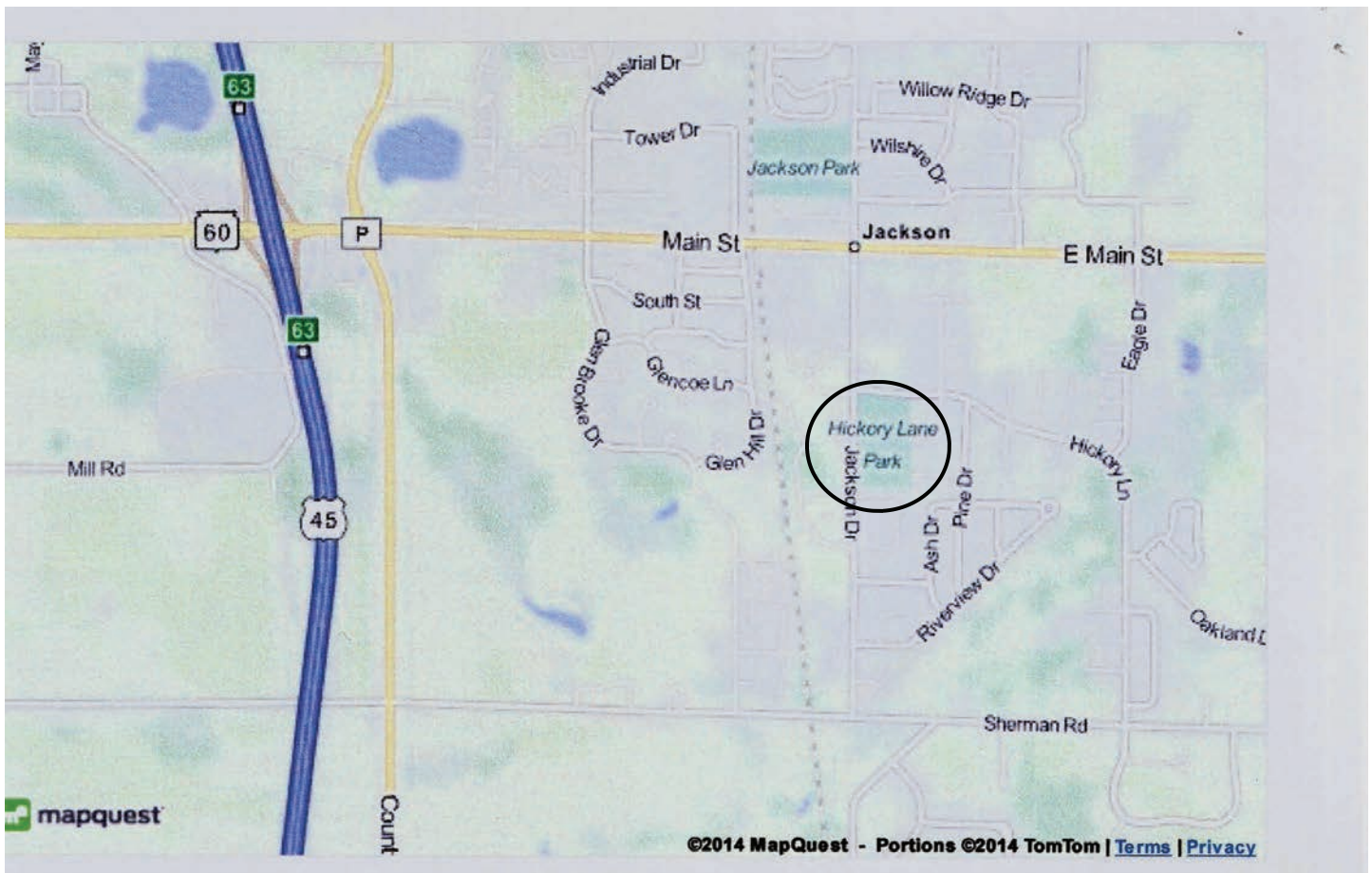


For the adults there is volleyball and we'll have some other fun activities including a "do you know your fellow Model A-er's" trivia game. This year's food will include; brats, corn, burgers, hotdogs and of course sides!

Please RSVP online at this site: <http://goo.gl/8fKJes>
call Hosts Kate & Chris Rozman @ 262-993-8293

Remember club members are free and guests are \$10.00 - you can mail your checks to:
WI Chapter MAFCA, W280 S5990 Point Dr., Waukesha, WI 53189

South of Hwy 60 on Jackson Dr. in Jackson. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Come and join Dave and Linda Huenink for a tour of

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Besides touring the grounds you will have an opportunity, if you want, to see a baseball game between the Eagle Diamonds and Chicago Salmons using 1860 rules. The game starts at 1:30 p.m. so you will have some time prior to tour the grounds. There will be free trams available for those who want to ride from settlement to settlement.

We will meet as a group at McDonalds at Hwy ES and Hwy 164 in Big Bend at 9:45 a.m.

We will then leave at 10:00 a.m. for a tour through the country side arriving at Old World at 11:00 a.m.

Old World Wisconsin
W372 S9727 Hwy 67
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Please RSVP to Dave or Linda by August 27th if you plan on attending.
We can be reached at 262-378-4216.

Snacks and refreshments will be served later in the afternoon.

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1. **Model A's wanted at senior care facility**

The Elizabeth Residence in Bayside is hosting two brunches as a tribute to Father's Day for the men, their families and friends of the facility. The Elizabeth Residence is looking for some members of our club to volunteer their time to share their Model A's by bringing their cars to the facility for the men to view after the brunches.

The dates are Saturday, May 31 and Saturday, June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone is interested in showing a car is welcome to join in the meal either Saturday. You can attend one Saturday or both Saturdays. Contact Karen Strom, Activity Director, at 414 - 352 - 4663 or email kstrom@elizabethresidence.com for more information.

2. The Harry Miller Club will be holding the Vintage Indy Car event on July 11-12 at the famed Milwaukee Mile racetrack. The Miller event is one of the most impressive U.S. gatherings of Pre-W.W. II and Post- W.W. II Indy cars, Indy roadsters and laydowns. Gates open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday with cars running the oval track from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.
3. 1st Congregational Church 3rd Annual Car Show. Saturday, August 9th, 2014. 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 1st Congregational Church of Genesee, W306 S5075 Church St., Genesee, WI. \$8 donation per car, huge raffle @ 3:30 p.m. Live music, brats, hot dogs, sweet corn, and beverages, Dash plaques to the first 100 cars."
4. August 17th - Car show and 2 vintage baseball games, 1870's building tours. Shady setting at beautiful Richfield Historical Park on Pleasant Hill Road, ¼ mile east of state Hwy 164 in Richfield (Washington County). 1st & 2nd place People's Choice awards. Food & beverages. Show cars \$10.00 includes baseball games, activities for kids & building tours. Contact Daryl Grier 262 628-4221, dgrier@charter.net, or richfieldhistoricalsociety.org

CAR SHOW:

Club Members Dona & Roy Scheffner have opened a new cozy bar and restaurant with great burgers and munchies and are having a car show:

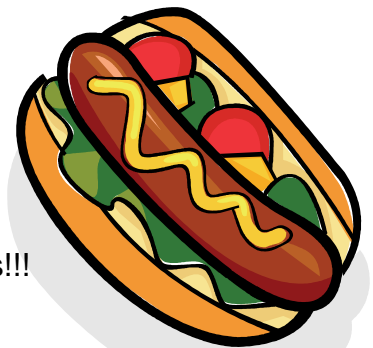
When: Sunday, June 8th, 2014

Where: Gambler's Tavern and Kitchen

HWY 75 AND HWY 11, Kansasville, WI

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.

We'll have specials going on for the owners....Free Hot Dogs and Chips!!!



President's Notes



Summer greetings,

I hope you have been able to attend some of our outdoor events so far this season, they have been great tours. The rest of our summer is full of wonderful sounding events and tours. So try to attend if possible they are always fun times with fellow members. We have Sharon, WI Model A days and the Flag Day tour in June. July's tour will take us to see a huge dairy farm near Rosendale, WI with 8,000 cows. The annual summer picnic is set and this year it will take place in Jackson, WI. See the articles in the newsletter for more details and plan to attend these fun filled tours. A big thank you to all the people that put these events together for us, they keep our club busy all year long.

By now many of you have heard club member Marty Jannsen has been in the hospital, please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. The Jannsens were going to run our fall tour, but will not be able to do so now. If you are interested in putting together an event for October please contact Neil B. the outdoor chairman.

I am excited to inform the club that for the first time we have a young person applying for the MAFCA youth restoration scholarship I will keep you informed as this process moves forward. Any questions or problems please contact me or any board member at any time.

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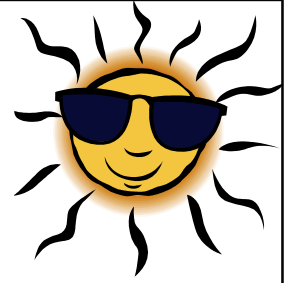
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Sunshine Report

Marilyn Brojanac would like to thank everyone for the cards and warm thoughts regarding the passing of her mother.



Our Club Historian Bob Schmiechen spent a week in the Hospital with kidney stones and is now home recovering and doing well.

Roy Freezor is fighting aggressive cancer and undergoing treatment.

Nick Mazos's mother passed away. Our deepest sympathies to the family.

Dave Boucher had knee replacement surgery earlier this spring and is back to driving the A.

Marty Jannsen has had diabetes for 54 years and has managed it extremely well. Even with this the long-term effects are taking a toll on his body and especially the blood flow to his lower extremities. On May 8 doctors amputated both of his legs below the knee which will be a better outcome for his future mobility and the potential use of prosthetics. They had expected a lengthy stay in the hospital, but as of May 20, Marty has been released from the hospital and is now home. He continues to amaze doctors on his amazing recovery. The family has set up a link to the Caring Bridge where you can leave messages for Marty, as well as get updates on how he is doing.

www.caringbridge.org/visit/martyjannsen You will need to set up an account on the Caring Bridge site, which is free, so you can leave messages and get emails on Marty's recovery.

Please notify Julie Larson with all sunshine needs. Call 615-521-6811 or email jule64bug@gmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

Aaron & Amy Laatsch of
Kewaskum, WI 53040
aaronlaatsch@kewaskkumpig.com
The Laatschs are looking to buy an A

My biggest fear is
when I die
my wife will sell my
car and parts
***for what I told
her they cost.***

Model A Ford Club of America – Wisconsin Chapter

Board Meeting May 17th, 2014

Board Members Present: Mike Quam, Steve Lewis, Dave Huenink, Dave Boucher, Neil Besougloff
Member absent: Paul Piotrowski

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

President – Mike- We received the newsletters from the reciprocating clubs. We received a thank you note from the Shamrock Club of Milwaukee for being in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The president of MAFCA sent us an invitation to attend the national convention.

Vice President – Steve – We have one new member who submitted their application to join the club – Aaron Laatsch from Kewaskum. A motion was made by Dave B. and seconded by Neil to accept this application for membership. The motion was put to a vote and it carried.

Secretary – Dave H. – There were not any correction or changes to the minutes from the April 12th, 2014, board of directors meeting. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Dave B. to accept the minutes as written. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. There are two hundred and forty eight members who belong to our club as of this meeting.

Treasurer – Paul – A review was done of our income and expenses for the previous month. A motion was made by Dave B. and seconded by Dave H. to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. New member dues were turned in. A bill turned in for the upcoming banquet in January 2015. A motion was made by Neil and seconded by Mike to accept the bills. The motion was put to a vote and it carried.

Outdoor – Neil – A review was held of the outside events for the year. The Franklin 4th of July Parade we will not be participating as no one has step forward to host the event. There is a host needed for the fall outdoor event October 12th.

Indoor – Dave B. –

Dave B. reviewed the events for the next indoor season. November 9th will be the pizza party and a recap of the summer events, December will be the Christmas party but without the white elephant gift exchange. A magician will be there to entertain us. January will be the ice cream social. February will be a trivia event and March we will learn about bee keeping.



Old Business – We discussed which charity we wish to make a donation to. A few ideas were mentioned for the board to think about. A decision will be made at next month's meeting.

New Business – A discussion was held regarding Carl's emails and the events they relate to. Mike mentioned an article that was in the Milwaukee Journal, regarding the declining interest in cars from early in the 20th century and how it is effecting not only our membership but that of other car clubs.

Dave B. made a motion to adjourn meeting and was seconded by Dave H. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Huenink
MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Classified ads, such as the ones seen here are free. To place your ad please contact the editor, Sue Quam at 414-491-3260 or by emailing your ad to: wheelingthea@yahoo.com


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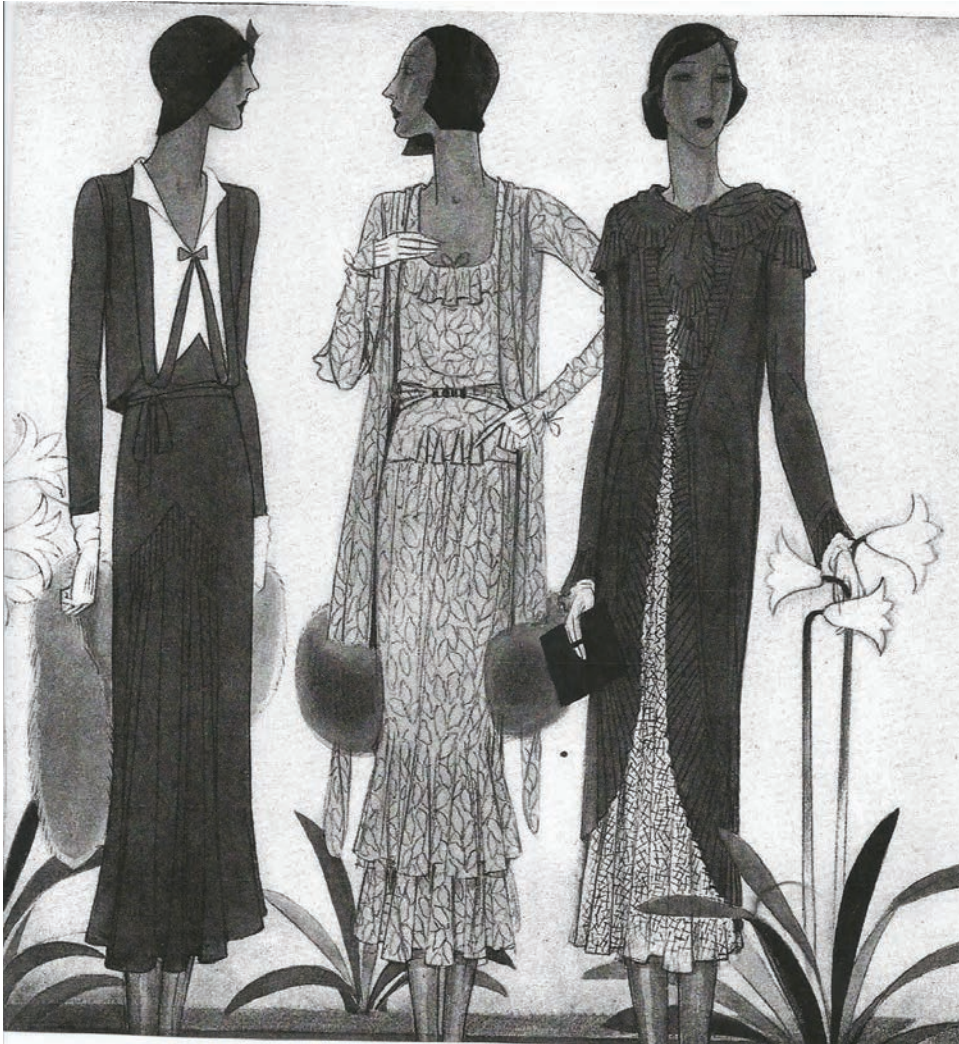
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For Wear on June Days
Harper's Bazaar, June 1930

By Diane Smith



A dark blue wool georgette dress by Stein and Blaine has a very pale beige vest of organdie. The yoke is flat around the hips, with a panel of shirring set in to give easy fullness to the skirt. Note the bolero.

Light yellow-green leaves on dark green characterize this printed flat crepe suit from Bergdorf Goodman. The long tunic, edged with dyed fox, when closed is crossed over in a surplice line. The buckle is green.

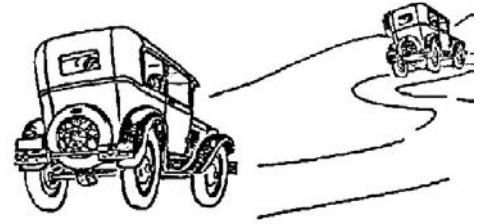
A flat crepe Chanel ensemble from Frances Clyne has a black coat and a black and white print dress with slashed white pique collar and cuffs and a bolero. Angie's black straw and satin hat is very deftly cut.

'A' Trip Back to June 1986

By Bob & Karen Schmiechen

Officers:

President – Jack Grundman
Vice President – Debbie Buckenber
Treasurer – Dawn Dohmeyer
Secretary – Dennis Pierce
Editor – Dave Boucher



A plea was made by the President (Jack Grundman) for members to step up and volunteer to help with the World Meet to be held this summer. *Seems like some things never change – trying to get members to step up and volunteer, whether for positions on the board, hosting a tour or helping with an activity.*

Here's a thought – if you've been a member for more than 5 years and haven't volunteered or if it has been more than 5 years since you volunteered, maybe it's time to become a little more active in your club – after all, it is YOUR club.

June 1 the Waukesha Olde Car Club held their 8th annual car show & swap meet at the Expo Center. *(the car show is now held in August in Frame Park, along the Fox river – might be pretty cool to have their car show 'crashed' by a number of 'A's' registering/showing up for the show – think about it.)*

June 8th members met at the Brown Port Shopping Center for a 25 mile tour. We will stop at Uihlein's Vintage Race Car Museum and end at the Brooks Stevens Auto Museum.

June 8th also represents your chance to bypass the crowds and register for the 1986 World Meet held in Lake Geneva. Wisconsin MAFCA members will be able to pick up their registration packets at the end of the June tour

June 15th – an impromptu tour was held, meeting at Olympia in Oconomowoc at noon. Bring your lunch, drinks, and your 'A' for an afternoon of watching the polo matches.

New members – Harold and Doris Sager of Kenosha ('30 town sedan), Paul Wiening of Port Washington (renewal)

The 'Ladies Pages' of the June newsletter (by Grace Leiden) included many poems, thoughts, and quotes on what it means to be a father.

From Bill Cosby –

Dad, can I get.....Dad, can I go?
Watch Dad's money! See it flow!
I think my pocket's got a hole.
What do you think money does? Grow?

From Henry Gregor Felsen –

The night you were born, I ceased being my father's boy and became my son's father. That night I began a new life.

The 'Loose Lug Nuts' page (by Jerry Manning) included comments about Larry and Grace Koser's trip in 1972 to Alaska in their 'A'. The page also included directions on how to wash your 'A' as well as comments about today's modern inventions – cruise control (set your speed on the column throttle and take your foot off the gas), vinyl roofs, and headlight technology (being able to replace a bulb rather than a whole headlight).

Other interesting tidbits from June 1986:

Flintstones 25th anniversary
Hands Across America - 6.5 million people hold hands from California to NY
"Top Gun" premieres
Hall of Fame & Museum announced to be built in Cleveland
30,000,000 people watch "Live Aid", a benefit concert for the Ethiopian famine

REARVIEW MIRROR.....

The No Ice or Snow Tour.

What a wonderful day for our tour along the lake to Port Washington,

We had no ice, no snow, no rain, no sun, (maybe a little), warm weather (if you call 45 degrees warm), and best of all we used very little gas as the wind was blowing with hurricane force, (well maybe I'm like the weather man who's off a little on his forecast).

This I know is accurate because of the sign in sheet, of those that drove their "A"s. I heard talk that some of the ladies were going to need a heater to keep the slight CHILL away. But maybe it was the drivers who could not keep their bride warm.

We had twenty one cars on the tour, with SIX brave souls the drove Model "A"s.

We had a good stop at the light house museum with some very good guides. It was hard to imagine that the population of Port Washington in mid 1800s was about 6,000 people. I then realized that it was a great harbor for shipping and fishing, with a lot of industry to support the population. I was shown a great horn but it was not for sale, oh how I wanted that one, but Pat said "no way".

We then visited Coal Dock Park that is now the home of the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Park. It contains a world war II column like the Memorial in D.C. with bricks that are engraved with veterans names and placed in area that is shaped like a tear drop. On Veterans Day Nov 11th, at the 11 hundred hour the sun shines through the wreath on the bronze marker that states the death number, like the one in D.C.

We were honored by the presence of Joe Dean, the founder of Stars & Stripes Honor Flight and Joe Demler of Honor Flight fame as a POW in WWII, along with his wife Therese.

We were privileged that our guests could join us at Nisleit's Country Inn and to give us some history and facts about the SSHF, and some of Joe's time as a POW. The Honor Flight visual journey book that Joe Demler and Joe Dean autographed was won by Ed & Lorraine Schultz.

We all left with a lot of thanks to all of the Model A Veterans.

Stan & Pat Larson



Pictures from the Port Washington tour.



Stan Larson with book authors.



Yummy beverages and snacks.



Making your Model A Really Cool

Reviewing the Basics

Two basic types of cooling systems are found on cars, trucks and motorcycles. Air-cooled engines are used in many motorcycles and some vintages cars like the original VW Beetle and Chevy's Corvair. Liquid-cooled systems have always been more common and are focused on here since that is what the Model A came with.

There are 7 main components of a liquid-cooled system; radiator and cap, upper and lower expansion tanks, water pump, cylinder head, fan (sometimes shrouded), thermostat (if installed), and hoses.

Other factors like the coolant type and ignition timing can influence cooling. Most systems have antifreeze flowing through hoses and passages in the engine and cylinder head before entering the radiator. Air passing through the radiator cools the coolant. A fan moves air through the radiator. The radiator cap controls the pressure used to lower the coolant's boiling point on a pressurized system, most Model As are not pressurized. A water pump forces coolant through the system. A thermostat (if your Model A has one installed) controls the coolant temperature by changing its rate of flow.

Closer Look

The radiator core usually has flat tubes on a modern radiator, but round tubes on original Model A radiators. Modern radiators are usually aluminum in makeup. Aluminum fins carry the heat in the tubes into the air. Original Model A radiators with round tubes were brass, but functioned in the same manner. The Model A radiator is a down flow design, having an upper and lower tank. Sometimes radiators of the copper/brass/lead design can be repaired by "rodding" or working special rods through the tubes to clean out lime deposits.

The fan on a Model A is attached on a hub on the front of the water pump driven by a fan belt. When the Model A was introduced a shroud was installed. This added substantially improved cooling. Apparently as a cost cutting measure the shroud was dropped from production in late 1928. There are available reproduction shrouds for the Model A. A new fan shroud will substantially improve engine cooling by drawing more air over a greater area of the radiator. These can be ordered from most of the parts vendors.

Lee Chamberlain of Brassworks in Paso Robles, CA says his company builds complete cooling modules specifically designed to bolt into a Model A. For our recent Roadster Pickup project build he

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placed the automatic transmission cooler into an original style radiator. This provided a clean neat installation on our project. Brassworks will work with you on the original round tube design or a modern design of radiator. In addition they provide shrouds and electric fan options if that is the direction you have decided to take.

Cylinder heads play a crucial role in cooling an engine, since coolant flows through them and must stay inside. There can be no coolant leakage due to cracks in the head or breaks in the gaskets that seal the head to the block. A “blown” head gasket will prevent the proper flow of coolant from passages in the block to passages in the head. Escaping coolant can also eat into metal and create channels through which the spark can jump. This will make the engine run badly.

Cracks can be fixed by welding or by stitching process. Some experts specialize in welding cast iron or aluminum heads. Aftermarket heads are available for the Model A in cast iron and aluminum depending on what your choice is on your restoration. We have used both and they all seem to work pretty well. The aftermarket heads are all higher compression than the original but that gives you some performance gains.

Head gaskets are readily available for the Model A. There are various styles available and many views as to the positives and negatives of each. If you are buying a reproduction head to install we usually suggest you ask what the manufacture recommends regarding the head gasket and follow their advice.

Thermostats

While the Model A did not come with a thermostat is highly recommended that you install one. We have covered various styles that are available in past issues, along with the reasons to do so. It boils down to the optimum temperature for modern fuel to burn needs to be maintained by the engine. The Model A, when the cooling system is functioning correctly and the car is tuned correctly, operates below this optimum 160° temperature. So it is recommended that a 160° thermostat be installed someplace in the cooling system.

Coolant & Antifreeze

Because the Model A is not a pressurized system modern coolants/antifreeze products aren't necessary during the hot months because the boiling point is going to be 212°. Antifreeze is necessary if your Model A is stored where the temperatures fall below freezing.

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