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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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ADVANCED TIMING SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2011 & 2012

Oct. 9	Fall Tour - Hosts Marty & Jo Lene Janssen See page 3
Oct. 20	Technical Seminar 7 p.m. at Mail Truck Model A Parts 8509 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek See page 3
Nov. 5	Veterans Day Parade - Host Neil Besougloff See page 4
Nov. 13	FIRST INDOOR MEETING & PIZZA PARTY At St. Aloysius Church—Gonzaga Hall 1414 S. 93rd Street, West Allis See page 4
Nov. 17	Technical Seminar 7 p.m. at Mail Truck Model A Parts 8509 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek,
Nov. 20	Waukesha Christmas Parade - Hosts Dave & Linda Huenink See page 5
Dec.	Christmas Party-
Jan.	BANQUET - HOSTS NEEDED
Jan.	Elections and Custard Social— Co Hosts Cheryl Prochnow, Sally Neuenschwander, Mark Ackermann
Jan.	Technical Seminar—
Feb.	Indoor Event-
Feb	Technical Seminar—
Feb. 19	WI Chapter MAFCA Swap Meet at Washington Cty Fair-grounds
March	March Indoor Meeting



FALL TOUR

October 9, 2011

Hosts

Marty & Jo Lene Janssen



We will be departing at 10:00 a.m. from the Crossroads Restaurant (formerly Corfu) in Hubertus. (In the shopping center just West of Highway 175 on Hubertus Road)

We will be traveling to Theresa where our first stop will be "Confections for Any Occasion by Joel". Joel will arrange a tour for us when we arrive. He has a very interesting store and lunch area. There is a new gift store next door for your shopping pleasure. Issy's Place is a nearby bar that has great food for lunch if you wish. Widmer's Cheese Cellars (since 1922) has a store a block off of Main Street.

Tours of the Juneau Homestead will be available starting at 1:00 p.m. Solomon Juneau established a trading post in 1818 which became the origination of Milwaukee. He was the first postmaster and the first president of the Village of Milwaukee. In 1848 he was elected the first mayor of the City of Milwaukee.

We will end our trip at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant for refreshments in the lower level in the back. You may stay for dinner on your own. There is a 2 for 1 pricing meal special starting a 4:00 p.m. It is a good idea to make a reservation for dinner in advance.

Here's hoping for a Colorful and Sunny day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

October technical meet: front ends

The Wisconsin Chapter's first technical meet of the season will be **7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20**, at Mail Truck Model A Parts in Oak Creek.



Club member Roger Olsen will show us how to install king pins and perform other work on Model A front ends.

Bring a chair and join us. As always there will be plenty of food and drink.

Mail Truck Model A Parts is at 8509 South Howell Ave., Oak Creek.

Questions? Call Tech meet coordinator Neil Besougloff at 262-408-1479 or the Model A parts shop at 414-762-7288.

Future dates:

November's meet will be Thursday, Nov. 17, at Mail Truck Model A Parts. The topic is mounting and balancing tires and front-end alignment.

Cars and drivers needed for annual Veterans Day parade

Ten Model A's are needed for the 48th annual Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade on **Saturday, Nov. 5**. The parade kicks off in downtown Milwaukee at 11 a.m. Lineup is approximately 10 a.m.



As in past years, we will be giving members of the AMVETS organization rides during the parade. Usually we don't fill all of our cars with veterans, but please leave room in your car for one or two AMVET riders just in case.

We'll meet 8:45 a.m. for a hearty breakfast and coffee (self pay) at Miss Katie's Diner, 1900 West Clybourn Street, Milwaukee (corner of 19th Street and Clybourn Street, one block south of Wisconsin Avenue).

Neil Besougloff is the event host. In order to coordinate the number of cars, please call Neil at 262-408-1479 (cell) or email him at nbesougloff@sbcglobal.net.

NOVEMBER INDOOR MEET MEETING and PIZZA PARTY Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. November 13th

It's that time of year to gather around fellow Model "A"s and have some pizza and socialize.

We still have no one to chair this event, if you are interested please call Mike Yokofich at 414-651-1243



Please RSVP to me soon as possible so I know how many pizza's to order.

Mike Yokofich
Meet Chairman

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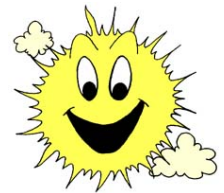
Sunshine Club Notes.....

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Arlene Peterson. Arlene passed away Saturday, August 28. She was a WI Chapter MAFCA member since May 1967.

Club member, Sally Neuenschwander, spent some time in the hospital following surgery and is now home recovering. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

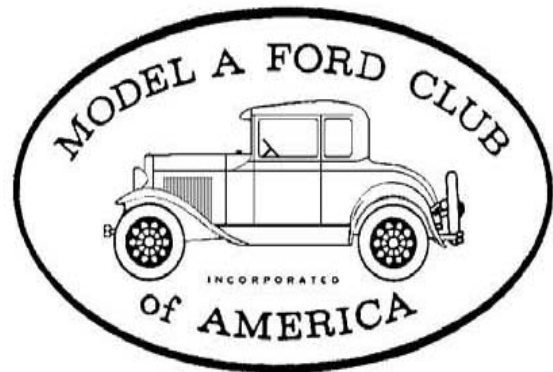
Sympathy goes out to Carl and Lu Doro. Lu's sister, Virginia "Ginny" Byers-Kniech passed away Sept 8, 2011.

Sandi Davisson spent time in the hospital. She is home now and we hope she continues to get better.



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BY-LAW UPDATE

With the addition of three new name badges, we need to update the Club's BY-LAWS Section 2 membership seniority.

The badges are now as follows:

1-9 Years	Yellow Badge	35-39 Years	Green Badge
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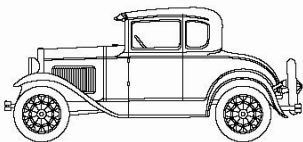
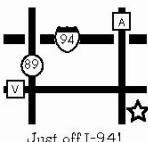
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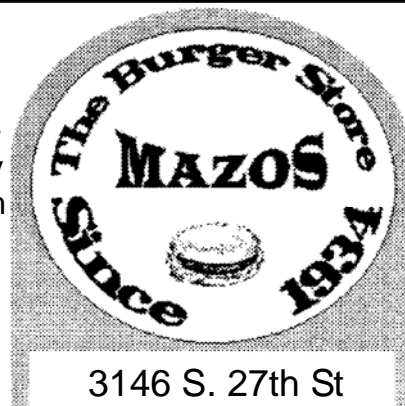
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This is the last meeting we will attend as representatives for our Wisconsin Chapter Inc., MAFCA. The reason for the Wisconsin Chapter liaison for Wisconsin Rapids Reunion is so that person(s) could best represent the wishes of our club in matters that might come up either at the planning meeting or other times during the year. Opinions are gathered by e-mail or phone other than at the planning meeting or at Rapids.

The 2012 Rapids Planning Meeting would be a good opportunity for a new liaison(s) to represent our club. We would like to have someone(s) go to or meet us at the meeting to represent our Wisconsin Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger & Jan Olsen

2012 Model A Reunion Planning Meeting

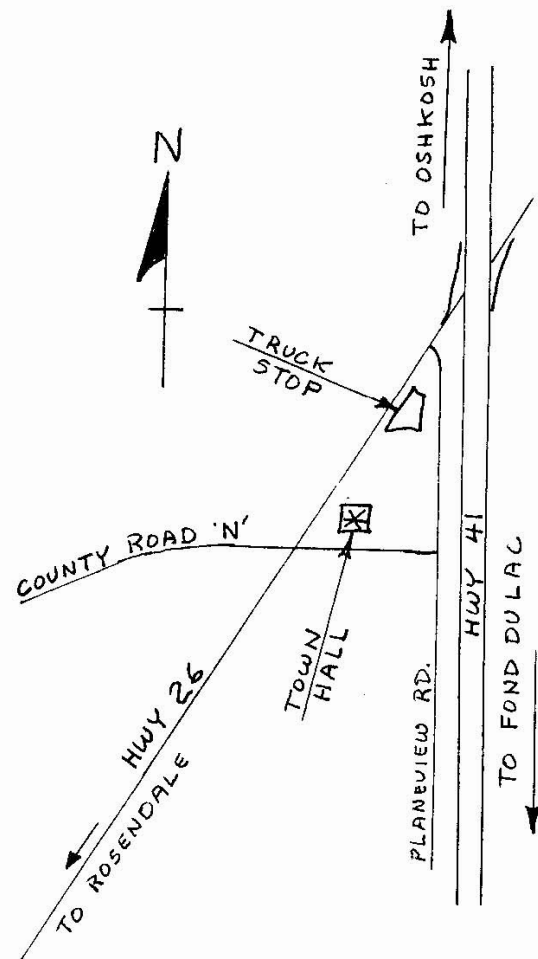
The Planning Meeting for the 2012 Wisconsin Model A Reunion will be held at noon on October 29th at the Nekimi Town Hall. This meeting brings members from each of the four clubs together to plan for an exciting weekend in July.

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.

As a reminder, the 2012 Reunion dates have been set as July 27th, 28th, and 29th.

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/wirapidsmodela>



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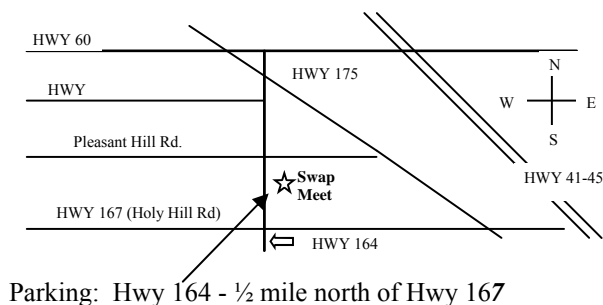
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From The President

Well here we are nearing the end of our touring season where did the summer go? We still have a few outings ahead of us along with one last opportunity for you to run an event. The last tour of the year or Ghost Gallop has no host if nobody steps forward to host it we won't have one. So here is your chance to help out your club and run an event. On that same note we have not had anyone step up and enter the elections for board of directors. The nominations will close this year as scheduled at the end of the December business meeting. Please give it some thought and try it, it is really a good way to get more involved in YOUR club.



Please remember when submitting information to our newsletter editor the deadline is still the 15th of the month. Having items to the editor in a timely manner insures they get in our newsletter when you want them in and it also allows the editor to complete the paper on time. Also if you have information you want sent out to the members via e-mail, forward it to the club secretary who is in charge of that task. Our editor only assembles the newsletter with the information they receive, and the webmaster maintains our website. E-mails and websites are different systems.

Looking back on the year so far we sure had some great events and we still have some good ones ahead. Please join us if you can, it's a good club filled with inexpensive family fun. Remember we have our technical seminars starting this month so if you're interested in working on your car and meeting people this is a great place to start. The first indoor meet of the year is November 13, with our kick off pizza party, a great place to meet members both old and new. We will be voting on a by-law change that day so plan to attend. Well that's all I have for this month see you soon.

Mike

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Model A Ford Club of America – Wisconsin Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2011



Board Member present: Mike Quam, Dave Boucher, Dave Huenink, Neil Besougloff, Mike Yokofich, Steve Lewis.
Absent: Paul Piotrowski, Gene Taurman, Mike Clinnin

President – Mike Q. – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mike had nothing to report.

Vice President – Dave B. – The solicitation letters we sent to members who belong to the National Model A Club, netted us one new member. Membership is now 277. Mike Y. made the motion to accept this new member and Neil seconded. Approved.

Secretary – Dave H. - A correction was made to the meeting minutes from our last board meeting. We had five new members not six with membership being 276 not 277. Mike Q. made motion to accept the minutes with this one correction. Mike Y. seconded. Approved. Mike Q. has reciprocal club newsletters. Gene T. submitted an email stating the outdoor event sign-ups are on target for 2012. He also mentioned the fall tour in October has no host and his suggestion was to cancel it. Dave B. had an idea for the tour and will pursue it further. Bob Greco sent us an email regarding the proposed forum area on the clubs web site. Mike Q. read it. We discussed it and decided to invite Bob to the next indoor meeting to discuss our reasoning for not supporting the forum.

Treasurer – Paul P. – We reviewed the treasurer's report in Paul's absence. Neil B. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mike Y. seconded. Approved. Bills were presented. Dave B. made a motion to approve. Dave H. seconded. Approved. Dave B. mentioned the income from a new member.

Outdoor – Gene T.– Dave B. mentioned the May 13th 2012 event date on the events calendar will interfere with Mothers Day so the event date was changed to May 20th. The date for the event May 25th – 28th, 2012 was brought up and changed to May 26th – 29th. The date for the event October 7th 2012 was changed to October 14th 2012.

Indoor – Mike Y. – Mike has not yet talked to the contact at St. Aloysius but plans to this month to finalize the dates and contract for our indoor meets.

Technical – Neil B. – Nothing to report. The October technical seminar topic is about the front end and the November topic is about tires with possibly the additional topic of front end alignment. Both seminars are at the Model A Mail Truck facility.

Club accessories – Mike C. – Nothing to report

Awards – Steve L. – Arlene Peterson passed away. Sally Neuenschwander has been hospitalized.

Old Business – A \$100 gift card to Usingers was decided on for the MAFCA National Meet raffle. Mike Y. made a motion to approve and Dave B. seconded. Approved. The Red Cross was discussed as a charity for our club to donate to. Dave B. will investigate how much of our donation goes to expenses and how much is actually used for those in need. Neil B. gave an update on the flipper software for the website newsletter. We will ask Carl the cost and determine if the cost is yearly or a onetime cost. If the cost is less the \$40, we will support doing it.

New Business – Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. Mike Y. made the motion and Dave B. seconded.

Submitted by Dave Huenink
WI Chapter MAFCA Secretary

Model A Ford Club visits Lake of the Ozarks

The Hilltop Motel of Osage Beach was host Monday and Tuesday of this week to The Wisconsin Chapter of the Model 'A' Ford Club of America. Larry Koser, President of the Wisconsin Chapter, said the group was on its way to a national convention in Dallas, Tex., June 14 through 16.

The group arrived here after staying in Springfield, Ill., Sunday night, and planned to be in Oklahoma City by Tuesday night.

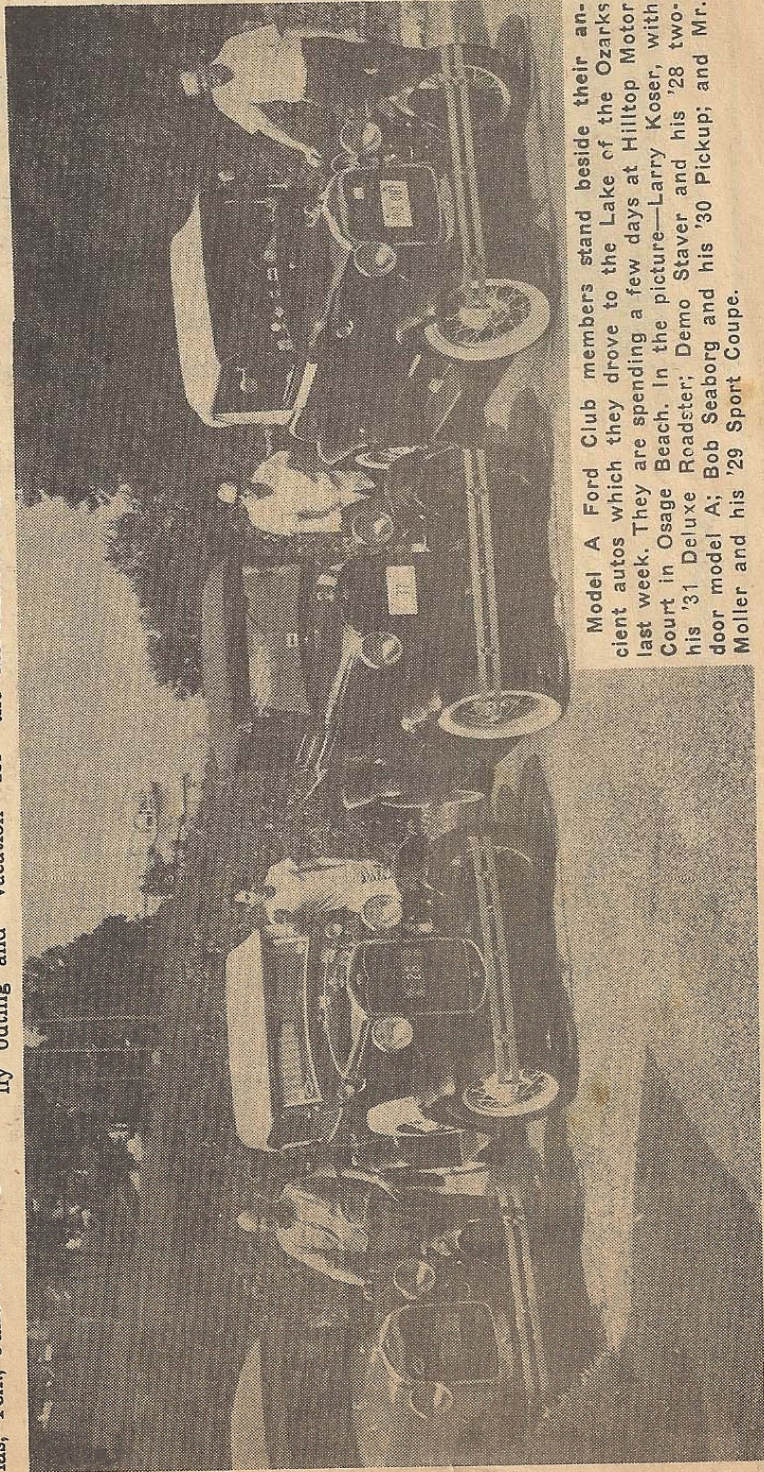
Ten restored Model 'A's valued between \$1,200 and \$3,000 composed the group. Mr. Koser said that the trip is a family outing and vacation for

most of the members. All the cars are restored to the original version as nearly as possible, including the engines. Two modern cars accompany the old cars carrying luggage and spare parts which would otherwise be difficult to find.

There are 150 members in the Milwaukee area and as a group they appear at parades, picnics, auto shows and other public functions. The Model 'A' club is a national organization and boasts a membership of 6,000, the largest auto club in America devoted to only one car.

las. While there a public showing and judging for trophies will be included in the agenda for convention delegates.

The return trip will include a stop in Kansas City and a weekend Tri-State meet in Debuque, Ia.



Model A Ford Club members stand beside their antique autos which they drove to the Lake of the Ozarks last week. They are spending a few days at Hilltop Motor Court in Osage Beach. In the picture—Larry Koser, with his '31 Deluxe Roadster; Demo Staver and his '28 two-door model A; Bob Seaborg and his '30 Pickup; and Mr. Moller and his '29 Sport Coupe.

Reminiscing with the Historian

By Art & Sue Blazek

Land of the Ozarks - VACATION NEWS

June 14, 1968

LOOKING BACK IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR.....

It was a beautiful day at the Mitchell Manor Car Show. A few clouds in the sky, bright sunshine, a light breeze and the temperature around 60. We couldn't ask for a better day.

Robert Zeman, Rich Miller, Mark Ackerman, Ed and Joyce Churchill, and Dave Huenink with Morgan the wonder dog participated in the event. There were a variety of other great looking cars which were in attendance. We were joined by a member of the Ford Model T Club who brought his 1923 Depot Hack which was in beautiful shape. The car was un-restored and was in fabulous condition for being 88 years old.

Time was spent reminiscing with the residents about their experiences in Model A's. Boy did we hear some great stories. The food was out of this world - Frito Taco's with all the fixings and home made cookies in the shape of old cars. Morgan also provided help to the singer during the day doing his best with the vocals. It was determined he needs a little practice before next year.

-Dave Huenink

Interesting read that was emailed to me by Tony Sillman

The Flying Flivver: Henry Ford's Attempt to Make Us All Pilots
by Ethan Trex

“Mark my words: a combination airplane and motorcar is coming. You may smile, but it will come.” Auto magnate Henry Ford earned his fair share of ridicule in 1940 when he made that boisterous proclamation. The flying car may still be coming, but it's certainly taking its sweet time. Seven decades later, there's still no sign of it.

What makes Ford's confidence so mystifying is that the mogul had already spearheaded one attempt to put the common man in the sky, and that project had failed miserably. This is the story of that plane, the Ford Flivver.

In 1924, Ford acquired the Stout Metal Airplane Company and began working on various designs for civilian aircraft. Ford's aircraft division had some successes, like the Ford Tri-Motor transport plane that rolled out in 1926 and earned worldwide acclaim when Admiral Richard Byrd flew it over the South Pole in 1929.

Henry Ford had bigger goals for the division, though. He had already put automobile ownership within the average American's reach, so why not put a plane in every garage, too? The idea sounds ridiculous now – just as it probably did then – but Ford threw himself into the project. With engineer Otto Koppen at the helm, Ford's aircraft division went to work building “the Model T of the air.” *Continued on next page.....*



*Image of a Flivver reproduction via
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Ford knew that successfully marketing a civilian plane would be tricky, so he charged Koppen with designing a small, light craft. (Koppen later said that Ford wanted a plane that would fit in his office.) By the summer of 1926, Koppen had come up with an aircraft that fit the bill. The Ford Flivver was a small single-seat plane that was just over 15 feet long and had a wingspan of just a hair under 23 feet. It ran on a 3-cylinder, 35-horsepower engine made by the Ford company Anzani, and it weighed just 350 pounds when empty.

As unlikely as the task initially sounded, Ford now had a prototype of his everyman's plane. Now he just needed to work out the kinks, show it to the world, and get every American in his own plane. Ford unveiled the Flivver on his 63rd birthday, July 30, 1926, with the company's trusty test pilot, Harry J. Brooks, at the controls.

When Brooks took that initial public flight in the Flivver, it looked like Ford had hit another home run. As *Popular Science* reported at the time, several novel features of the plane made it seem feasible that your average Joe could get behind the controls. The plane's flaps were arranged to give it maximum upward lift in small spaces, and a rear wheel made it possible to drive from one's home to a makeshift runway.



For the next year and a half, Brooks flew the original Flivver and two other prototypes as the company refined the design. Brooks loved the little plane so much that he actually used it to commute from his home to work. Brooks would tell the press, "Flying a plane like this is no more difficult than flying a large plane, except in this plane the pilot has to think a little faster."

Brooks was one of just two men ever to fly a Flivver. The other was Charles Lindbergh, and Lucky Lindy didn't share Brooks' enthusiasm for the design. Lindbergh later called the Flivver one of the worst planes he'd ever piloted.

Brooks even attempted to fly one of the Flivvers from Michigan all the way down to Miami on a single tank of gas in January 1928. Although rough weather forced a landing in Asheville, NC, the flight still set an American distance record for light planes. Brooks reported that the efficient little plane still had plenty of fuel to finish the trip; when the storm passed, he continued on to Florida.

Brooks' trip to Florida turned out to be the tragic end for the Flivver project. In late February 1928, Brooks was cruising over the ocean just south of Melbourne, FL, when the Flivver's engine locked up, smashing both plane and pilot into the water. The wreckage of the plane eventually washed ashore, but searchers never found Brooks' body.

Although Henry Ford moved quickly to announce that Brooks' death wouldn't alter the company's planes for the Flivver, the project quickly went south. Ford and the young test pilot had become friends, and reports surfaced that the mogul was distraught over Brooks' death. As Ford's guilt grew, he decided to end the Flivver project and get out of the light plane business entirely.

Ford's company later got back into the small aircraft business with projects like 1931's Stout Skycar series, but Ford was never able to put the common man in the air. Seventy-one years after his infamous "flying car" speech and 83 years after the tragic crash of the Flivver prototype, we're still waiting.

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Receiving the newsletter & roster via the internet is \$20.00
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monthly Board of Directors meeting, which is the second
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Make checks payable to Wis. Chapter MAFCA

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