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Model "A" Ford Club of America*

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ADVANCED TIMING SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 08-09

Jan. 11th	Custard Social — Hostess -Cheryl Prochnow See page 3
Jan. 15th	Technical Seminar — Working with Shocks See page 6
Jan. 24th	Banquet- Gangster Reunion Delafield Brewhaus See pages 7 & 8
Feb. 8th	Chili & Salsa Cook off — Host Dan Kane See page 9
Feb. 19th	Technical Seminar- Rewind and rebuilt an ahooga horn
Feb. 21st	Wisconsin Rapids Planning Meeting Nekimi Town Hall, at Noon. See page 9
March 1st	Greater Milwaukee Area Winter Swap Meet- Hosts— Roger & Jan Olsen See page 6
March 8	Old Movies & Slides — Hosts Wally & Sally Kaufman
March 19th	Technical Seminar

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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ALL INDOOR MEETS

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Membership meetings start at 1:30PM, monthly event to follow.

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



WHEN: January 11th, 1:30 pm

WHERE: St. Aloysius Church – Gonzaga Hall

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

WHO: Cheryl Koser Prochnow

WHERE TO CALL: 262-646-9493

**FRIENDLY REMINDER, THE 2009
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ANNOUNCING CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DAVE BOUCHER: I have been a Wisconsin Chapter member since 1972. I am a past board member and have served as treasurer and as president. I have also been a Paid Advertising Chairman and Video Librarian. I have been involved in planning and running such club activities as banquets, picnics, week long tours, one day tours, State Fair car shows and Christmas parties. I have also been a Parade Chairman.

My wife Donna and I have recently purchased a 1930 Tudor Sedan which we plan on driving the wheels off of this coming year. I hope you give me the opportunity to once again serve our club as a board member. Thank you.



BOB DAVISSON:

As members of the Wisconsin Chapter - MAFCA (2005), my wife Sandi and I agree that in order to rightfully enjoy the benefits of a successful organization, the members must participate in the conduct of the organization.

My experience as an existing member of the board lends itself to helping this club continue to prosper and to grow. I would welcome the opportunity to continue as a board member in achieving the goals of the organization.

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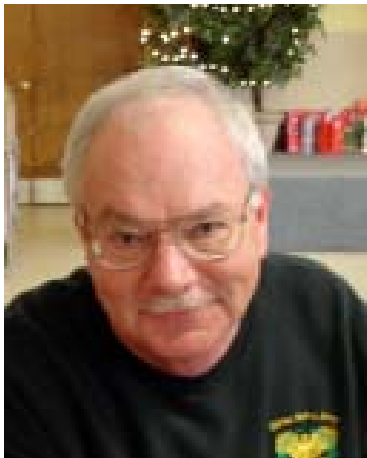
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MIKE QUAM: I have enjoyed serving on the board for the past four years. In those four years I've gotten to know a lot of our club members and become more involved with events. My wife and I have hosted the annual picnic for two years as well as the Christmas party. I served as the Sunshine and Awards Chairperson and Outdoor Chairperson and I would be happy to serve for two more years.

I enjoy the car hobby, I restored our 31 Tudor sedan and Sue's 31 pickup truck. Next is the 68 Mustang Fastback that has been awaiting me in my garage for years. I enjoy talking cars with other members and participating in the events.



PAUL PIOTROWSKI: Pat and I have been members, with a slight break in membership, since 1974. I have served on the Board of Directors as Technical Meet Chairman, 1996, Treasurer, 1997, 2004 through 2008, and President in 1998. In addition, I jointly chaired the annual picnic and the State Fair Car Show, where I fabricated all the award trophies. I also organized and secured the site for the 1997 award winning MAFCA Photo Shoot. I was editor for two years in 2004 & 2005. I was employed by the City of Milwaukee as their Traffic Services Manager and retired in 2004. I enjoy the Wisconsin Chapter and the folks that comprise its membership. I consider it a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors.

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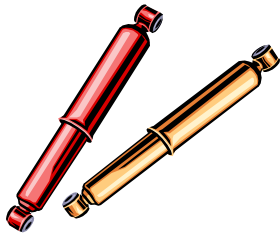
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TECHNICAL SEMINAR

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Presented by Al Downs and Tony Baudo

Thursday, January 15, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mail Truck Model A Parts Company
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44th Annual Greater Milwaukee Area Winter

Swap Meet

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Washington County Fair Grounds
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MODEL "A" BANQUET GANGSTER REUNION JANUARY 24, 2009



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

**Social hour 5pm

Dinner 6pm

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. Questions to Marty at 262-246-7273 or mjannsen@wi.rr.com.

CONTEST

Guys plan on wearing your gangster suit and ladies era clothes (flappers) would be great. ***** There will be a Contest for the best dressed **GANGSTER** and **FLAPPER**. ***** The judges will be Ron and Diane Smith. Bet you can't guess who's going to judge the Flappers?

SILENT AUCTION

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 with your item(s).

BAND

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.

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Number _____ x \$15.00 = _____ Make check payable to WI Chap of MAFCA and mail to Marty Janssen at W238 N6030 Hawthorne Circle, Sussex, WI 53089

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February 8th, 2009 at 1:30 pm at St. Al's Hall

Hosts: Sally Neuehschwander & Dan Kane

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Judging will be by the members

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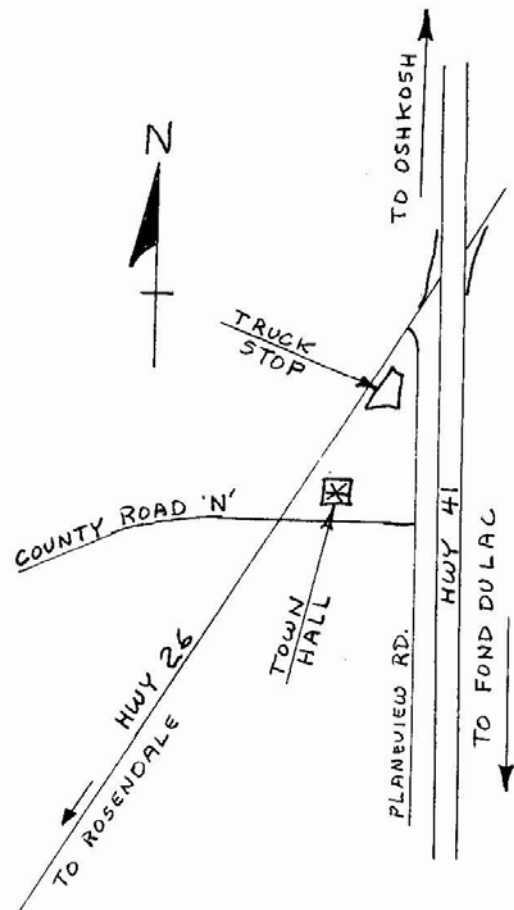
2009 Wisconsin Rapids Planning Meeting

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.

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



Prez notes for January 2009

Imagine if we lived in a southern climate – Florida, Southern California, or parts of Texas? Our touring season would be year-round, and instead of mixing gas and 2-cycle oil for our snow throwers this month, we'd be changing straight 30-weight oil and washing whitewalls on our Model A's.

But that's not that way it is in Wisconsin, which is why we've got plenty of club indoor activities to carry us through to spring.

January starts off with our first indoor meet of 2009 – elections and an ice cream social Jan. 11th at St. Aloysius Church in West Allis, hosted by Cheryl Koser Prochnow. On the 15th is our January technical seminar, this time on shock absorbers.

Coming up at the end of January is our annual banquet. Members will assemble at the Delafield Brewhaus on the night of Jan. 24th for food, festivities, and awards – gangster-style – hosted by the Larsons and the Janssens (a.k.a. Scarface Lars, Mean Marty, and their respective dames Pat and Jo). Era dress-up is encouraged!

Our monthly membership meeting on Feb. 8 will feature a Chili & Salsa Cook-Off, hosted by Dan Kane. On Feb. 19th is another technical meet, this time the topic is rewinding and rebuilding an ahooga horn.

Sunday, March 1st is our annual swap meet at the Washington County Fairgrounds, organized by Roger and Jan Olsen. The swap meet is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever this year now that a second large indoor hall has opened adjacent to the existing fairgrounds building. The swap meet is our chief fund-raiser each year and volunteers are always needed, so please check in with Roger or Jan at the February indoor meet if not sooner.

March's membership meeting will feature old club movies and slides hosted by Wally and Sally Kaufman, plus another mid-month technical meet.

Information on all of these activities can be found in the "Advanced Timing" calendar of events on page 2 and in subsequent pages in each month's "Wheeling the A" newsletter.

As the winter weeks of January, February, and March come and go, we finally arrive in April, the always popular Spring Start-Up outdoor tour, and a welcome thaw as the long Wisconsin winter (we hope!) concludes.

So while you're filling up the tank on your snow thrower for the umpteenth time this winter, keep in mind all of our club's winter indoor activities and before long we'll be outdoors again! – Neil Besougloff

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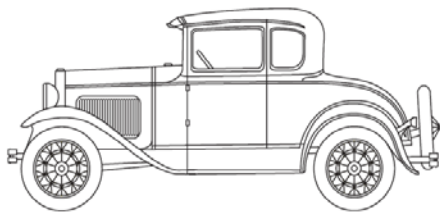
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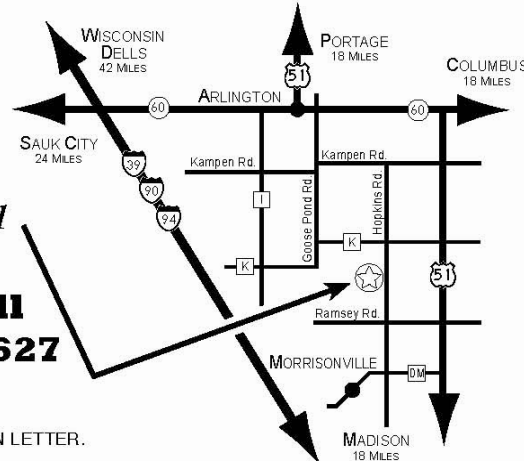
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General Membership Meeting Minutes from Dec. 21st, 2008



Meeting called to order by President, Neil Besougloff with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Neil Besougloff, Marty Jannsen, Sue Quam, Paul Piotrowski, Mike Quam, Dan Kane, Roger Olsen, Bob Davisson, & Dave Neuman

Secretary Report – Sue Quam: Minutes of the last board meeting were accepted as written, motion made by Carrie Frank and seconded by Dave Boucher.

Currently there are 296 members for 2008. At present, 50 members have not sent in their dues.

Treasurer's Report- Paul Piotrowski: Financial report was read, a motion by Bob Sonnen and seconded by Jim Kummer to accept the report. Bills were turned in for today's event. Motion to pay the bills made by Dave Boucher and seconded by Jim Kummer.

Vice President -Marty Jannsen: No new members at this time, we had 12 new members for the year.

Outdoor Coordinator- Mike Quam: The sign up book is out today for hosts to sign up for outdoor events. Need someone for the St. Pat's parade and the spring start up tour.

Indoor Coordinator- Dan Kane: Santa will be coming today, we have crafts for the kids, Lorraine Schultz brought some very good cider today. The January meeting will be the Custard Social and election of board members. Cheryl Prochnow has that all planned out and ready to go. February will be a chili and salsa cook off, bring your favorites to share and be judged in the contest. In March, Wally Kaufman will be showing old movies from old Model A club events.

Technical Coordinator- Roger Olsen: January seminar is on rebuilding shocks, Bill Stipe may be coming down to show the design of his shocks. The February seminar will be rewiring a horn.

Club Accessories- Bob Davisson: There is clothing for sale, there are also order forms in the back of the Wheeling the A, if you want to order embroidered clothing.

Sunshine & Awards- Dave Neuman: Donna Neuman was in the hospital for about a week. Art Sternhagen, former member passed away. Lorraine Duncan, wife of Jim Duncan passed away in December.

Old Business: The Swap meet has had good response and is coming up March 1st. The Swap meet flyer will go out via US Mail after the first of the year. Volunteers will be needed to help with this swap meet. The ads in Old Cars Weekly were also added to the calendar in Old Cars Weekly.

Banquet awards update- Wear your gangster clothing, there will be a contest for best dressed. We have roughly 50 reservations for the banquet.

Elections: We have four open spots to fill on the board, nominations will be open until the end of the meeting today. Currently we have Dave Boucher, Bob Davisson, Mike Quam and Paul Piotrowski. Dan Kane nominated Mike Brojanac, who declined the nomination.

New Business: We received a letter from MAFFI, asking for donations to help with the Model A Museum. Roger O made the motion and it was seconded by Chuck Morgan that we donate \$100.00 to this museum. All in favor, except one opposing. With four BOD members needed and four running for the BOD, nominations were closed.

Correspondence: Various reciprocals from other clubs, the Restorer and the Model A Times. Thank you note from family of Lorraine Duncan.

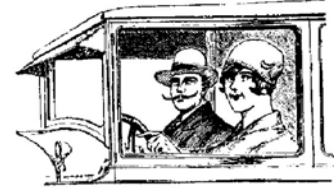
Motion to adjourn made by Ed Schultz and seconded by Dennis Wacker.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Quam

Reminiscing with the Historian

FIFTY YEARS AGO, 1959 - Board members elected for the new Model A Ford Club of America Wisconsin Chapter are Wally Klagger, Carl Olsen, Joe Komar, Robert Collins, Wes Campbell, G.S. Schulze, Chuck Reetz, Donald Mercile, Ronald Werderitsch, and Donald Ackerman.



FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, 1964 - Notice to members: Wives have voting power only if the member has paid the required \$5.00 family membership fee for the 1963-1964 season.

FORTY YEARS AGO, 1969 - The difference between men and boys is the price they pay for their toys. Larry Koser had a painful ordeal when he got his finger too close to the jointer blade while working on the wood for the mail truck.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, 1974 - The club starts the New Year with 254 members. The Kosers are busy out at the 1974 Convention tour to California.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, 1979 - Dan and Margie Kane are busy tying up loose ends for next month's annual banquet. The club has 400 paid members.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, 1984 - The banquet was at Zorba's. A technical seminar was held on body work, and the indoor meet was highlighted with a shoebox swap meet.

TWENTY YEARS AGO, 1989 - The banquet was held at Serb Hall, and a technical seminar was held on how to install a CB radio.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, 1994 - The Wisconsin Chapter Cookbook was created to generate funds for the purchase of a computer.

TEN YEARS AGO, 1999 - Youth awards were presented to Eric Haban, Tom Smith, and Andy and Jeanie Schwabe.

FIVE YEARS AGO, 2004 - Candidates for the 2004 Board of Directors were Rick Koepp, Rich Miller, Ed Schultz, Dennis Wacker, and Tony Sillman. Mary Flynn will have her broken arm in a cast for about 6 weeks.

Submitted by Art and Sue Blazek



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For the purist in the hobby the reservoir covers are designed with the same thread pattern and size as the original, so the original covers may be installed in place of the covers supplied on the new shocks, for appearance and judging. We have included the release information and photos provided by Bill Stipe. His contact information is listed in the information. We look forward to installing these shocks on a car in the future so we can report on them in detail, as shocks are important in the overall ride comfort and safety in the Model A and often times overlooked in the restoration process.

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 Christmas Party Dec. 21st, 2008



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Bobbie Weckwerth fell down during her physical therapy session for the stroke she had last year and broke her hip. She had surgery to repair the hip and is doing very good. Cards will reach her at her home.

Art Sternhagen--former member passed away on Dec. 1,2008

Donna Neuman was in the hospital for a few days for a little heart check up

Lorraine Duncan passed away in early December.

A little bird told us Marge Pierce is going in for some surgery late in December. Please keep Marge in your prayers.

Laura Smith was the lucky winner of a contest. Laura entered the contest hoping to win a set of luggage, instead she won the grand prize. A trip for two to Pasadena, CA to help build a float for the Tournament of Roses Parade. Prize includes hotel stay, transportation, tickets to the parade and tickets to the Rose Bowl Game and post float party. Have a good time Laura and Emma and send us some warm weather while you're there!



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