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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 2013

- Oct. 13** Fall Tour & Chili Dump - The Bouchers and The Schmiechens
- Oct. 17** Technical Seminar - Building Model A Chassis 7:00 p.m. At Mail Truck Model A Parts, 8509 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek
- Nov. 9** Veterans Parade - Host Neil Besougloff
- Nov. 10** First indoor meet- Pizza party - Hosted by Peter Stauber
- Nov. 21** Technical Seminar - Continue working on Chassis 7:00 p.m. At Mail Truck Model A Parts, 8509 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek
- Nov. 24** Waukesha Christmas Parade - Hosts Dave & Linda Huenink
- Dec. 8** Christmas Party - Hosted by Mary Powell
- HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014
- Jan. 12** Custard Social & Election - NEED HOST
- Jan. 18** Annual Banquet - Hosted by Steve & Deb Lewis and Dave & Linda Huenink
- Feb. 9** Indoor Meet- HOST NEEDED
- Feb. 23, 2014** Club Swap Meet - Washington Cty. Fair Grounds
- March 9** Indoor Meeting - Karate Demonstration Hosts - Dave & Donna Boucher

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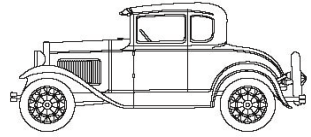
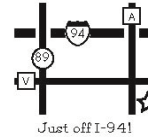
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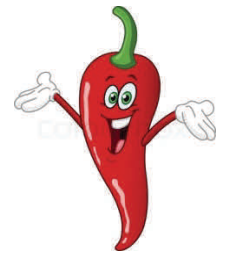
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Sunday, October 13, 2013
Last club tour of the season
Fall tour & chili dump

Meet 12:30 p.m. at McDonalds on
Moreland Rd. and National Ave., New Berlin

Be part of the last club tour of the season by participating in the fall tour and chili dump. Never been to a chili dump? Just bring a can or container of your favorite chili. We will be combining all the chili into one pot. At the end of the fall tour, we will be serving chili and hot dogs along with liquid refreshments. All this will take place at the Big Bend Lion's Club House located on the Fox River in downtown Big Bend.

Let's make this last outdoor tour the biggest of the season. Remember you do not need a Model A to participate. Hope to see you there.

Any questions call:

Dave & Donna Boucher at 262-662-2273 or Bob & Karen Schmiechen at 262-544-5005

Technical seminars begin October 17

The Wisconsin Chapter's first technical meet of the season will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Mail Truck Model A Parts in Oak Creek.

At the October meet we will start work on building a Model A chassis. We will check a frame for straightness and then begin installing a front suspension.

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 Tony at the Model A parts shop at 414-762-7288.

November's tech meet will be Thursday, Nov. 21, which is one week before Thanksgiving. Our plan for November is to continue to work on the chassis.

2014 Model A Reunion Planning Meeting

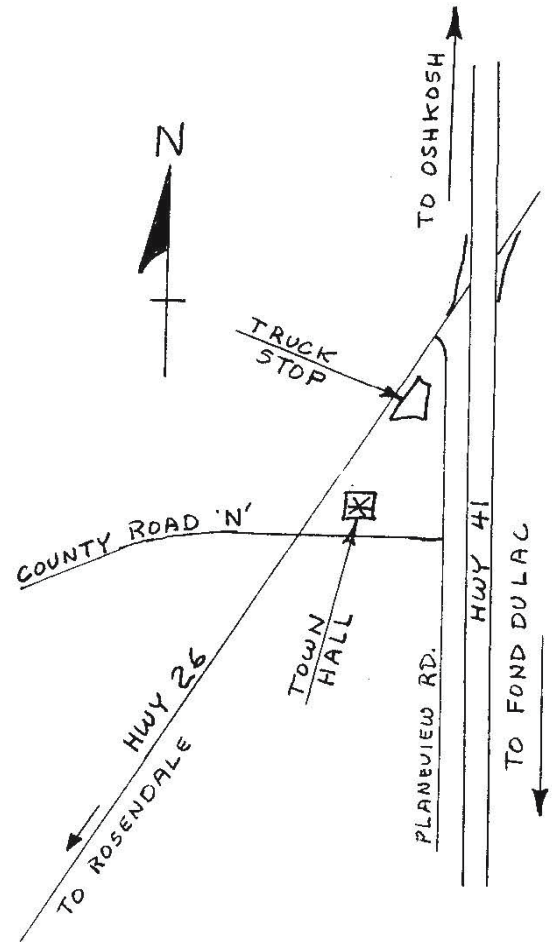
The Planning Meeting for the 2014 Wisconsin Model A Reunion will be held at noon on October 26th 2013 at the Nekimi Town Hall. This meeting brings members from each of the four clubs together to plan for an exciting weekend in July.

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@frontier.com.

As a reminder, the 2014 Reunion dates have been set as July 25th, 26th, and 27th. Be sure to make your hotel reservations now.

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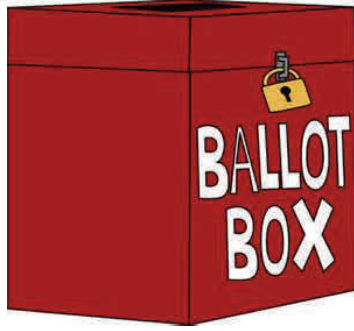
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Nominations are Open

This is the month when nominations for our club board of directors open up. Nominations are open from now until the end of the Christmas party in December. This year the terms expire for Mike Clinnin, Mike Yokofich and Neil Besougloff. Think about giving back a few hours a month for three years to a club that offers us so much. Eight times a year we meet at the member's houses and four times we meet before the indoor meetings at Gonzaga Hall.

If you have any questions or you would like to serve your club just let any board member know. Also, you are always welcome to attend a board meeting as a guest. Hope to hear from some members that want to help the club.

Dave Boucher
President
262-662-2273

Cars and drivers needed for 50th annual Veterans Day parade

Ten Model A's are needed for the 50th annual Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 9. The parade is scheduled to kick 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.



SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 18TH, 2014. The club will be having the annual banquet January 18th, 2014 at Meyers Restaurant. Your host's will be Steve and Deb Lewis along with Dave and Linda Huenink. More details will be in the November issue of "Wheeling the A".

Christmas Parade

Drivers Needed



Once again this year our club is participating (with our cars) in the Waukesha Christmas parade. This is the 51st year of the parade in downtown Waukesha and the 7th year we will be participating. Each year there is a different theme for the parade and this year it is "Songs of the Christmas Season." No, they don't expect us to sing Christmas carols unless you are so inclined to do so. However, I must warn you, if you sing out of tune Morgan the Wonder dog may feel moved to join in. He loves to sing (howl) at the agility trials he goes to so he does have a wonderfully loud voice. The parade is Sunday, November 24th, so mark your calendars to join Linda and Dave Huenink with Morgan who will be sporting his holiday finest. As I mentioned we have participated in the parade for 6 years and the weather has been perfect every time, so bring out your "A's" for our last outside event before we put them to bed for the long winter. In years past we have been allowed to decorate our cars in the holiday spirit with all kinds of decorations and this year will be no exception. We always have a great turnout for this event so come along and join the fun.

The parade starts at 4:00 p.m. so we will line up at 3:00 p.m. This will give us plenty of time to decorate our cars and visit. For those interested in driving in as a group we will meet at Culvers Restaurant (1720 Hwy 164) in Waukesha at 2:15 p.m. The restaurant is on the Hwy 164 bypass and is just south of Moorland Blvd. by all the car dealerships on the east side of Waukesha. If you have any questions please feel free to call Dave Huenink at 262-378-4216. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dave, Linda and Morgan

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“A” ...line from the Prez

Here it is October and almost time to take our Model A activities inside. We still have the fall tour and chili dump October 13th, the Veteran's parade on November 9th and our final outdoor event the Waukesha Christmas parade on November 24th.



Our Indoor season is taking shape with the pizza party in November, Christmas party in December, custard social in January and martial arts demo in March.

It looks like our indoor season will be as interesting as our outdoor season was this year. We also have our annual banquet in January and our annual swap meet in February. There is always something going on in our club.

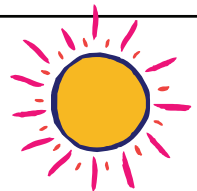
Don't forget nominations are open for the board of directors. If you want to give back to our club, serve on the board. If you have any questions or want to run for the board let any board member know. We have three positions to fill this year.

That's about it for now. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Dave Boucher
President

Sunshine Report

Wishes for a speedy recovery went out to Diane Smith this past month. Diane spent a couple of days in the hospital following surgery. She is home recuperating and doing well. Jo Lene Jannsen also had surgery and is doing well.



Our sympathies go out to the Secord family. We learned that past club member Sue Secord passed away on September 1st. John and Sue had been club members in the past. A memorial service will be held on September 28th for Sue. Contact the family for details.

If you have sunshine to report, please contact Steve Lewis 262-573-9821 or by emailing: vicepresident@model-a-wis.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Chris & Ruth Stauersbol 5551 Whirlaway Lane, Racine, WI 53402
262-347-8119 - nstauersbol@wi.rr.com - 1930 Model A Coupe



Model A Ford Club of America – Wisconsin Chapter Board Meeting September 7, 2013



Board Members Present: Dave Boucher, Steve Lewis, Dave Huenink, Paul Piotrowski, Mike Yokofich, Neil Besougloff. Board member not present: Mike Clinnin

Dave Boucher called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

President – Dave B. – We received newsletters from the reciprocating clubs and letter from Farmington Heritage in Illinois indicating they will be auctioning a Model A sedan. We received a letter from MAFFI requesting a contact person from our club for their records, it was decided it will be club president. The Humane Animal Welfare Society is having a fund raiser at Halloween and has asked us to support their cause. We declined. We still have some club accessories in stock (hats, flags and banners) and we will be selling them at the next indoor meet at a reduced cost. We will no longer be stocking these items.

Vice President/New Membership/National Correspondent and Sunshine – Steve L. – We have one new member this month – Chris and Ruth Stauersbol. A motion was made by Mike Y. and seconded by Dave H. to accept the new members. The new printer is doing well with printing “Wheeling the A”. Jo Lene Janssen had surgery as did Diane Smith.

Secretary – Dave H. – There were no corrections to the minutes from the 8/3/13 BOD meeting. A motion was made by Mike Y. and seconded by Paul P. to accept the minutes as written. To date we have two hundred and sixty-six members.

Treasurer – Paul P. – Treasurer’s report reviewed, a motion was made by Mike Y. and seconded by Neil B. to accept the treasurer’s report.

Outdoor – Mike C. - We have several outdoor tours remaining this year and one parade.

Indoor – Mike Y. - The activities for the indoor events are falling into place. Also, Dave H. mentioned 44 donation letters were sent out soliciting donations for our banquet to be used as door prizes or for the silent auction. We have already received two items.

Technical/Awards – Neil B. – The topics for the October technical meet will be leaf springs and the topic in January or February will be changing a head gasket. A discussion was held to decide on other topics – possibly generators. A discussion was also held about who we should select for the MAFCA Service Award and Member of the Year.

Old Business – Sue Quam sent out swap meet fliers to those on our vendor list from the previous year’s swap meet. We already have one reservation for a space. Dave B. will be getting wrist bands for the swap meet – 3,500 for \$78.00. A discussion was held regarding safety vests for the swap meet and advertising for the swap meet. Dave B. received an email from the club up north asking for assistance to pay for some concrete work. He will be calling them to get more information and we will be waiting to see what the other clubs in the state do. The general consensus is the club should take care of it themselves.

New Business – Dave B. asked the board members to continue to think about ideas for our fall charity donation. The Honor Flight was discussed. Nominations for the Board of Directors are open. Last year the club took those in volunteer positions out to dinner. It was decided to take them to dinner again this year on October 26th, 2013. An idea was discussed about honoring the founding members of our club with a brick or plaque at the Gilmore Model A Museum. Dave B. is going to contact MAFFI to see what they will allow us to do.

Mike Y. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Neil. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Huenink
MAFCA– Wisconsin Chapter Secretary



Reminiscing with the historian

By Art & Sue Blazek

Reference Points Regarding 1986 World Meet July 6-11, 1986

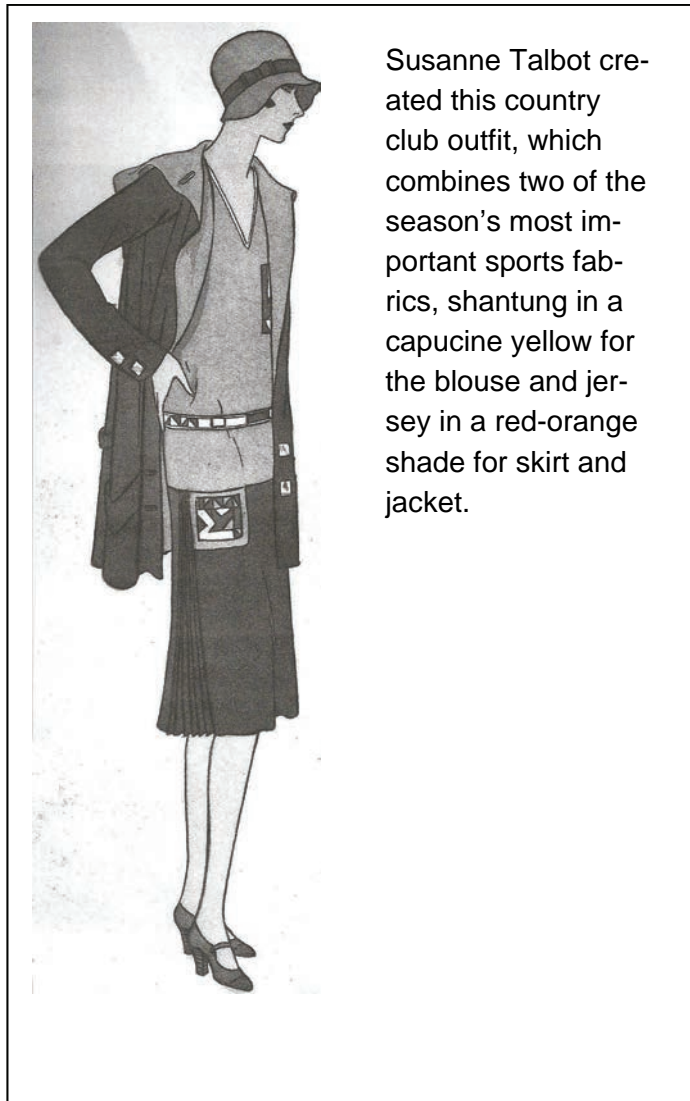
- 1) Largest meeting ever of Model A Fords - the most popular antique car.
- 2) For the first time both Model A Clubs - the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) are sponsoring one event. Over 20,000 members know about the World Meet in detail through their club publications.
- 3) Over 1,000 Model A's, 1,200 families and over 3,000 people are registered. The World Meet will have worldwide attendance with people from Denmark, Australia, and South Africa registered.
- 4) The Americana Lake Geneva Resort is the headquarters hotel for the meet and is situated in the beautiful resort city of Lake Geneva - a former playground area for the elite of Chicago. Lake Geneva is just 60 miles northwest of Chicago.
- 5) Governor Anthony Earl has proclaimed "Model A Ford Week" in Wisconsin July 6-11, 1986.
- 6) The Wisconsin Chapter was chosen as host after intense competition by 12 chapters. The Wisconsin Chapter was organized in 1955 and has over 390 members/families in southeastern Wisconsin.
7. The schedule of events includes over 200 events such as:
 - Awards Banquet (over 1200 tickets sold)
 - 1928-1931 Era Fashion Show and Dinner
 - Grand Tour to Old World Wisconsin on Wednesday
 - 20 Technical Seminars
 - Judging: Model A Cars
 - Era Fashion 1928-1931
 - Bus tours to Milwaukee, Racine, Richmond (IL) and Long Grove (IL).
 - Car tours to Oshkosh (EAA Museum), Baraboo (Circus World Museum), and Rockford (IL) Time Museum.
 - Children's activities
 - Dances
 - Hospitality - Welcome Party
- 8) The scope of the World Meet will encourage rare Model A's to be present. Already registered are Town Cars, Mailtrucks, Sedan Deliveries, 2-Door Phaetons, Tow Trucks and other special vehicles.
- 9) This is a meet for the whole family and is based on everyman's antique car - the Model A Ford. All people can identify with Model A's - it crosses all boundaries and is not a toy for the rich.

Era Fashions by Diane Smith
Summarizing Summer
A Brisk Survey of the
Fashionable Essentials

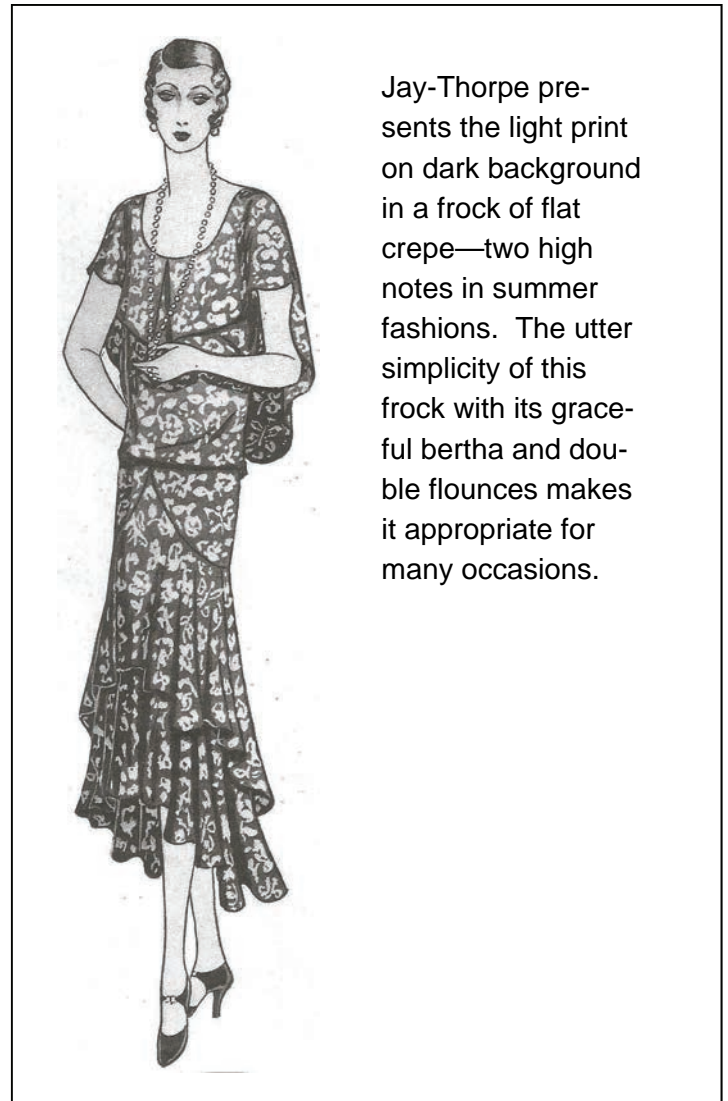
Delineator June, 1929

Our Belief is Brief

All summer wardrobes will include prints, diminutive fruit, leaf or flower motifs for day, bolder designs for night. Stripes, checks and polka dots lead the sports silk list with yellow leading the list of plain pastel “summer tan” colors. Pique, gingham, printed cotton, calico and linen fabrics are definitely accepted as important entrants for sportswear honors. White with brown trimmings or accessories is distinguished, and white with some gay color accent has a youthful charm. Sleeveless frocks and often backless frocks are correct for sports times, the matching jackets adding formality when necessary. Straw hats with a medium brim, matching hose and gloves, bags and pumps, are color-keyed to some detail of your costume.



Susanne Talbot created this country club outfit, which combines two of the season's most important sports fabrics, shantung in a capucine yellow for the blouse and jersey in a red-orange shade for skirt and jacket.



Jay-Thorpe presents the light print on dark background in a frock of flat crepe—two high notes in summer fashions. The utter simplicity of this frock with its graceful bertha and double flounces makes it appropriate for many occasions.

Technical by Neil Besougloff

Model A generators and alternators

Generator or alternator? Those three words will generate a discussion about the pros and cons of creating electricity to run our Model A's.

All Model A's were originally equipped with generators to create the power needed to fire the spark plugs as well as illuminate headlights, taillights, and even blow the ahooga horn. It wasn't until the 1960s that auto manufacturers fully switched over to alternators. Even some of the first Mustangs that Ford produced still came equipped with generators.

Generators supply more or less a continuous full output of direct-current (DC) electricity as you drive your car. Because of that, all of the electrical current travels through the brushes and brush leads inside a generator, creating a lot of heat and shortening the lifespan of the components.

On a stock Model A, the generator keeps making electricity even when the car's battery is fully charged, which ultimately destroys the battery.

Generators need a cut-out relay to disengage the generator when it is not charging. The cut-out on our Model A's is contained within the silver cap sitting on top of the generator. Without a cut-out relay, the generator can actually turn itself into an electric motor and vainly try to power the car, burning itself out.

Lastly, generators don't produce electricity at our Model A engine-idle speeds, they need to spin at higher rpms to produce electricity. For example, if you leave your generator-equipped car running endlessly at idle before a parade starts, there will come a time when you may have used up the electricity stored in your battery. The headlights on generator-equipped cars dim noticeably at traffic lights and other stops, again because the generator isn't creating electricity at idle-speed rpms.

An alternator, while not original in design and external appearance, is a better way of creating electricity for our Model A's. Six- and 12-volt alternators are readily available from Model A parts suppliers and are simple to install.

Alternators produce alternating-current (AC) electricity that is converted to DC using a series of diodes within the circuitry of the alternator. At Model A idle speeds, an alternator produces electricity.

The alternator's internal design is quite different from a generator, and that design allows it to spin at higher rpms and generate more amperage than a generator.

Alternators stay relatively cooler, and they have built-in voltage regulators to prevent overcharging a battery. Alternators can produce more electricity, which matters if, for example, you want to install halogen-bulb headlights or additional electrical accessories in your car.

Model A alternators cost about \$150 or more depending on their amperage output and require an adaptor bracket to install in a Model A. Rebuilt generators cost about \$200 with exchange of your old generator.

If your car has a generator, you should consider installing an electronic voltage regulator, sold by some parts suppliers for about \$70. These take the place of the generator cut-outs yet look identical to the original cut-outs. Besides performing the function of a cut-out, the regulator uses internal circuitry to keep a Model A battery from overcharging, negating one of the big disadvantages of keeping a generator on your Model A. – *Neil Besougloff, technical meet chairman*

Here's a photo of a rebuilt generator on the Bratton's Antique Auto Parts website.



This Model A alternator, with bracket, was sold on eBay.



REARVIEW MIRROR.....

Mitchell Manor Car Show.....

On January 14th, the board had scheduled an event to Mitchell Manor Retirement Center. Several of us arrived to find out the show had been cancelled with out any notification to our club. I would like to express my thanks to Carl Doro for calling those he knew were coming and informing them not to come. I would also like to thank any others who made the drive in. It was a beautiful day to get our "A's" out.

-Dave Huenink

September Tour to Yerkes Observatory

On a cool overcast September 8th day forty four people, 19 Model A's and several modern cars ventured 34 miles to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay from McDonalds in Big Bend.

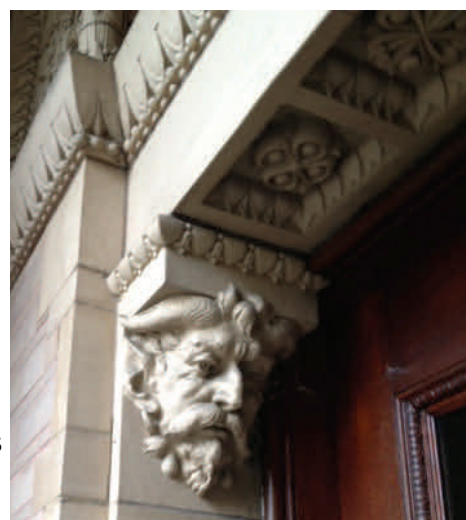
The tour started outside with some history of Yerkes and discussion of its exterior architecture. Our host, Richard Dreiser, engaged the group with some questions and humor during the tour. We proceeded inside and learned about the building and its founders.

We then walked into the area where the huge telescope is and we learned about the 40" lens, saw the huge floor move, and saw how the telescope is moved into position. The position of the telescope to look at things in the night sky is determined off of the north star. In the early 1920's Albert Einstein visited Yerkes and talked about various theory's. In a previous time, pictures where taken of the many constellations in the sky with film, which of course, is no longer available.

The group then proceeded to the Lighthouse Restaurant in Williams Bay for a bite to eat where we had lots of good food and laughs. The day was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed them selves. I'd like to thank all of those who came and I'll see you on the next tour.

-Dave Huenink

More pictures on next page.....



REARVIEW MIRROR.....



Telescope in the observatory.



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For help in running an event call:
Jim Kummer 262-895-2897
Stan Larson 262-251-1655
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OPEN
Monday-Saturday
10:30 am



Closed
Sunday's

3146 S. 27th St

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Tires - Alignments - Brakes - State Emissions Testing
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Wash: 262-250-9020 Lube: 262-250-9021
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Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA
Marilyn Brojanac, Distribution
N61 W15975 Beechwood Dr.
Menomonee Falls. WI 53051

Address Service Requested



New Membership Application

Name _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone(_____) _____ **E-Mail** _____

Child or Children's names _____

Model A's _____

Send my newsletter via email _____ or US MAIL _____

*Dues for 2013 for the Wisconsin Chapter, MAFCA:
Receiving the newsletter & roster via the internet is \$20.00
To receive the newsletter and the roster via the US Mail (first class)
the dues are \$30.00 New member applications are approved at the
monthly Board of Directors meeting, which is the second
Saturday of the month. You will receive a welcome letter upon
approval. Dues include membership only in the
Wis. Chapter MAFCA until the end of the current calendar year.*

Send To:

Steve Lewis
Vice President/New Member Chairperson
Wisconsin Chapter, MAFCA
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