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Model A Ford Club of America

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Special points of interest:

- Road Rally Tour
- Model A Day
- Cars needed for Memorial Day parade.
- MAFFI Update
- Technical Article

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APRIL SPRING TOUR by Gene & Betsy Taurman

Spring had sprung and it was time to kick off the Model A touring season on April 15th when 20 anxious cars arrived for the first tour of the season. With nine vintage Fords and 11 modern cars, forty-five enthusiastic people hoped for a summer breeze for the day. Instead they were rewarded with weather of all kinds; from warm breezes, to cold, cloudy, rainy, windy, and even a little sun.









Driving on the way to Silver Creek Pottery and Forge was a delight.

It was clear, dry and great for those who wanted to see spring showing off her color and smells (including several dairies). Coming back was a little more challenging to see the beauty as those in Model A's were busy fighting the cross wind to stay on the road and vision was hampered by a few miles of wind driven rain but fun nonetheless. *See the rest of the story on page 16*



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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 2012

April 28 Technical Seminar - 9 a.m. at Mail Truck Model A Parts, 8509 South Howell Ave., Oak Creek.

May 20 Road Rally Tour - Jon Taurman

May 28 Memorial Day Parade - Hosts Bob & Barb Sonnen

May 26-28 Overnighter tour - Hosts Stan & Pat Larson

June 3 Sharon, WI Model A Day - Bob & Sandi Davisson

June 10 Flag Day Tour - Pat & Stan Larson

June 16 Virginia Highlands - Wally & Sally Kaufman

June 18-22 MAFCA National Convention in Marquette, MI - Dennis Wacker & Robert Heinrich

July 4 Greendale Parade - Bill & Karen Dickenson

July 4 Franklin Parade - Dave & Linda Huenink

July 22 Barn Quilt Tour - Hosts Bob & Kitty Schaefer

July 28 South Milwaukee Heritage Day Parade - **HOST NEEDED**

July 27-29 WI Rapids Reunion -**HOST NEEDED**

Aug. 12 Annual Picnic - Pete Stauber, corn; Dave Huenink, meat; Dave Boucher serving salads and desserts; Mary Powell, beverages; The Smiths, Adult games; Cheryl Prochnow and Mark Ackerman children's games

Aug. 25 Tour - Hosts Dave & Linda Huenink

Sept. 9 Luther Manor Car Show - Carl & Lu Doro

Sept. 15 Mitchell Manor Car Show - Dave & Linda Huenink rain date 9/22

Sept. 15 Richfield Threshere - Ron & Diane Smith

Sept. 22 Tour - Bob & Sandi Davisson

Oct. 14 Fall Tour - Marty & JoLene Janssen

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade - Neil Besougloff

Nov. 18 Waukesha Christmas Parade - Dave & Linda Huenink

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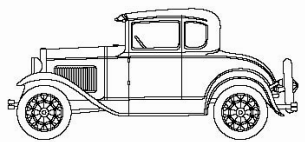
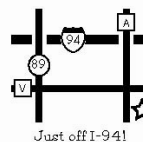
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Saturday technical meet on troubleshooting cars

In April, a special Saturday morning technical meet has been scheduled in which we will troubleshoot cars that "won't start" for various reasons. The special technical meet is **Saturday, April 28, starting at 9 a.m.** at Mail Truck Model A Parts, 8509 South Howell Ave., Oak Creek.

If you have a suggestion for a meeting topic, please give technical meet chairman Neil Besougloff a call at 262-408-1479.

May Tour

The Model-A Clue Search Road Rally, on Sunday, May 20th is an adventurous event in which teams of cars compete by solving clues in order to find their way along a hidden route through the Lake Country and Kettle Moraine area. Put on your thinking caps for a fun filled and scenic afternoon for all!

You are given a clue, which, when solved, will give you a starting destination. You drive to that destination, to receive your next clue. You continue in this fashion until you reach the finish line. You are competing against other teams to complete the course the fastest.

Bring your spouse, family, and friends along for the ride to help solve the clues and capture a few scenic pictures along the route! Depart from the McDonalds on Capitol Drive near Hwy 164 at 12:00 noon.

Host Jon Taurman
Cell:262-309-2984
email: jtaurman@navpointgroup.com

Memorial Day Parade

May 28, 2012

The parade will gather at the corner of North 4th Street and Michigan Street at Carl Ziedler Park in downtown Milwaukee at 1:00 P.M. It will then proceed to Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lake front. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00 P.M. Let's make this a great tribute to our Veterans who have given so much of themselves for their country.



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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END OVERNITER
MAY 26th, 27th and 28th**

CALL ASAP to reserve your room at the Hampton Inn 608-754-4900 and use code MAF to reserve your room.

We will depart from McDonald's at Hwy 164 & I 43 at 8:30 AM on the 26th of May.

Members from the south can meet us at Hwy 20 & Hwy ES at the Shell Station. We will travel back roads to Janesville.

Questions? Call hosts Stan and Pat Larson
262-251-1655

**It's Model A Day In Sharon, WI
Sunday, June 3, 2012**

THIS MARKS THE 16th YEAR OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORED BY THE SHARON MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION AND THE ROCK-FORD A'S MODEL A CLUB (ROCKFORD, IL). OFFICIAL HOURS: 9 AM TO 2 PM.

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Join with other chapter members for a great outing down to little Sharon, Wisconsin (Pop. 1550) to "rub hub caps" with 250 or more Model A's from all over the Midwest.

We'll stage for the approximately 50 mile "run to Sharon" at McDonalds, 3680 South Moorland Road at West National Avenue in New Berlin. WE WILL DEPART PROMPTLY AT 7:15 A.M. Main Street parking in Sharon fills up early. We should be arriving there by 9:00 a.m. Driving route instructions will be provided at the starting point.

Racine area and "out West" folks..... join with us about 7:45 a.m. at the McDonalds/ Shell complex at Highway 20 and County ES on the northeast edge of East Troy. We can then continue on to Sharon as one group.

Don't own a Model A? Yours is "sick"? Modern cars are welcome to join with us. There's lots of parking just outside "downtown Sharon".


Plan now! Save the date!

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JUNE 10TH FLAG DAY TOUR



National Flag Day was founded in Waubeka, WI. This little community will host a BIG Parade. The WI Chapter MAFCA will feature some of our fine A's as part of this great parade.

Tour starts at McDonalds in Germantown: Mequon road just west of Pilgrim road. Location: N112 W15936 Mequon Road 12:30 p.m. departure and travel back roads to Waubeka.

Parade starts at the Americanism Center, which has a wonderful collection of military artifacts and flag history.

Web site is www.nationalflagday.com

Questions please call Stan Larson 262-251-1655 or to sign up for the tour.

Franklin 4th of July parade

With the warm days we have had, summer is not too far off. So come one, come all and join the Hueninks with Morgan the wonder dog in the Franklin 4th of July Parade.

This year as in years past, promises to be an enjoyable time. Morgan will be sporting his 4th of July apparel. The line up will be at 9:45 a.m. and the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. Our assembly point will be on Highway 36 east of Highway 100 in Franklin. If you have any questions please call Dave Huenink at 262-378-4216.



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Join the fourth of July Parade in Greendale



This parade is a major event for the club and is traditionally a lot of fun. Please call Bill or Karen Dickinson, 414-744-0937

Date: Wednesday, July 4th, 2012

Time: 9:30 AM Line-up

10:30 AM Parade Start

Assembly Point: Southridge Parking Lot
Just off Grange near Westway.



2012 Annual Model A Picnic

Sunday, August 12TH

Malone Park 3953 S. Casper Dr. , New Berlin, WI



COSTS: Members and kids under 12 are free

Adult guests are \$5.00 per person

Bring a salad or dessert to share

Call or email Gene & Betsy Taurman 262-242-0137, bhet@sbcglobal.net to make your reservations.

We need a head count of adults and children to assure enough food and drink.

We need extra help during the picnic to cook, run games, and clean up. Please contact one of the leaders to help. The leaders are: Sweet corn – Pete Stauber, Meat – Dave Heunink, setup for salads and desserts— Dave & Donna Boucher, Children’s games—Cheryl Prochnow and Mark Ackermann, Adult games—Ron & Diane Smith, Beverages—Mary Powell

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Registration Form

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2012 Wisconsin Rapids Model A Reunion

July 27TH, 28TH, 29TH

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____

<u>Please Indicate the number of people attending:</u>	
Family Members:	Guests:
_____ Adults	_____ Adults
_____ Children	_____ Children
Are you camping? __ Yes __ No	

<u>Which Model A Club do you belong to:</u>
_____ Central Wisconsin MAFCA
_____ Nickle A MARC/MAFCA
_____ Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA
_____ Wisconsin Region MARC
_____ No club or other (If other, please write club's name below)

Car Information:

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Year: _____ Model: _____

Participation Ribbons will be issued for this event and must be worn at ALL times to enjoy the free drinks and meals over the weekend.

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REGISTRATION FEES

- 1) **Club member:** family and one Model A (pre-registered \$10 + \$20).....\$30.00
For participants not pre-registered.....\$35.00
 Each additional Model A\$ 5.00
- 2) **Non-club member:** family and one Model A (pre-registered \$10 + \$25).....\$35.00
For participants not pre-registered.....\$40.00
 Each additional Model A\$ 5.00
- 3) **Guest Fees** *Guest is anyone who is not an immediate member of your family, which includes married children. Your immediate family is your spouse and unmarried children who live with you.*
 Each Adult, 21 and older.....\$15.00
 Each Child, ages 6 to 20\$10.00
 Each Child, 5 and under is free, but must be registered
- 4) **Camping Fees** per site: \$15/weekend
****Guests using additional sites will be charged per campsite**

Make \$10.00 check payable to **Paul or Martha Sillman**
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Paul & Martha Sillman
680 Knowlton St Apt A
Waterloo WI 53594-1400

*Questions?? Check out the website at <http://clubs.hemmings.com/wirapidsmodela/>
or email to wirapidsmodela@frontier.com*



An Important Notice

The club is in need of a new paid Advertising Chairperson. Ed and Lorraine Schultz have done a good job of it for years but, would now like to step down.

The job entails once a year sending out invoices to our paid advertisers and collecting the money and turning it into the Treasurer. You will also have to coordinate any new ads with the Board and the Editor. You could also solicit new ads for the paper. All and all it's not a very time consuming position but, very important to the club. This would be a great get your feet wet type of position for someone. Anyone interested please call Dave @ 262-662-2273. Thanks.

Sunshine Report....

Long time member, Robert "Bob" Zeman, Sr, passed away on April 6, 2012 following a courageous battle with heart disease. Bob and his wife, Virginia, joined the club 1991. A memorial in Bob's name was sent to the Humane Animal Welfare Society - "HAWS".



Well wishes and prayers continue to be needed for Wally Kaufman. Wally is still in the hospital at Columbia St. Mary's. Sally reports he has excellent nurses who are taking really good care of him. Get well soon, Wally! We miss you both at the club functions.

Fellow club members reported that Stan Larson was recently admitted to the hospital. Stan assures he is doing fine and will be good to go for the Memorial Day Tour he and Pat are hosting. Speedy recovery to you Stan.

Submitted by Steve Lewis

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

Notes from the Editor.....

Please note that I have set up a new email address to be used for submitting articles for the newsletter. **Please submit all articles and pictures to wheelingthea@yahoo.com.** This will save me time of jumping back and forth from my old personal computer to the new club laptop.

Please remember the **deadline for submitting any information for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.**

In the past couple months I have received emails regarding late dues, member deaths/illnesses, not receiving the paper due to late dues, and sending mass emails. As the editor I only assemble the newsletter and edit it. Yes, I do email out the newsletter once it is done, but that's it. For issues with dues and mass emails contact club secretary Dave Huenink and for any sunshine news contact sunshine coordinator Steve Lewis. Steve will then submit an article to me with all sunshine news for the paper. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sue Quam

Welcome to new advertiser Mike's "A"Ford-Able Parts.

So many of our customer / friends have asked me how on earth did a South African (who speaks so strange) get into the Model "A" business here in the States with so much competition. I bought my first Model "A", a 1929 Right Hand Drive Phaeton in 1972. I became an excited and very interested onlooker as my cousin did most of the work on restoring the car. With the help of a number of business trips to the U.S.A. to find parts we finally had a best of show Phaeton. During 1985 we decided to immigrate to the U.S.A. and after 5 years of bureaucratic paper work we finally arrived in Atlanta in August of 1990. Within a short period of time, I met Mr. Maron Buice who was about to start a full restoration on his Leatherback Victoria.

Sadly for Maron he fell off of his roof whilst doing some repair work and broke his hip - this gave me the opportunity to restore his "Vicky" - some of you may remember this car - it was amongst the five cars that were featured on our 1999 Catalog that I have restored in the past few years, and is now in the Bugg Museum in Athens, Georgia.

The staff here now consists of me, my wife Kay, two of my daughters (Angela and Kelly), my son-in-law Erich (Kelly's Husband). Together our goal is to create an environment where it is a pleasure to be with family all day and giving our "A" customers the friendliest service possible.

At the beginning of 2004 we moved to our new and improved shop and we have settled in nicely. Our Grand Opening was June 5th, 2004 and between us and the Georgia Chapter of the MACFA and MARC we called it "Grandfather's Day". A wonderful day was had by all and 103 Model "A's" arrived to visit and tour our new premises. This gathering has become an annual event, always held on the first Saturday in June.

MAFFI MODEL A MUSEUM UPDATE



At some point in April the construction of the new Model A Museum will begin. Depending on final contract negotiations and the weather in central Michigan, the bulldozers will begin preparing for the foundation of the new 11,000 square foot building. A formal ground breaking ceremony is planned for April 17 with members of MAFFI, MARC and MAFCA participating in the joint effort to build a home for "Henry's Lady".

Predictions are that the building will be completed by Labor Day of this year. That is when the next phase begins: Turning an empty building into a museum. What can you do to help in that effort? Donations of funds, collections, displays, accessories, original parts, tools and anything else that tells the story of the Model A will be needed. Advance notification of your intent to donate your item or collection would help in the planning.

Please inform MAFFI Trustee, Phil Lerardi by email at pni1938@gmail.com, or by phone at (314) 692-2123, of your intentions.

MAFFI Trustees

LAST MINUTE UPDATE

The GROUND BREAKING for the Museum did happen on Tuesday, April 17th. A web camera has been set up so that you can view the hour by hour progress. Look at Maffi.org The mound in the background is top soil. Trucks are hauling in gravel for a base for the cement slab. Cement is to be poured this week and steel will arrive next week.

Please pass this info to your club members so that they can enjoy the building's progress. Also let them know that we have 650 walkway brick orders and are waiting for theirs!!!!!!!

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Here it is May already and we have had a busy start to the year. From the looks of our advanced timing schedule we have a busy year ahead of us and that is great! Always remember you don't have to drive a Model A to attend club activities. Modern cars are always welcome, the important thing is that you attend.



Have you ever looked at the last pages of the club roster? There is a multitude of information listed there. You can check out past presidents, past award winners, guest fees, paid ad guidelines, parade rules, safety guidelines, tour planning guide, club tool inventory and video library inventory. The video library holds lots of very helpful and interesting topics, in both VHS or DVD formats on most subjects.

We would like to welcome a new advertiser this month: Mike's "A" Ford-Able Parts (see page 11 of this issue for more information). They are located in Maysville, Georgia and are looking forward to helping with your Model A parts needs.

That's about it for now, looking forward to seeing you at our next meet.

Thanks,
Dave Boucher
President

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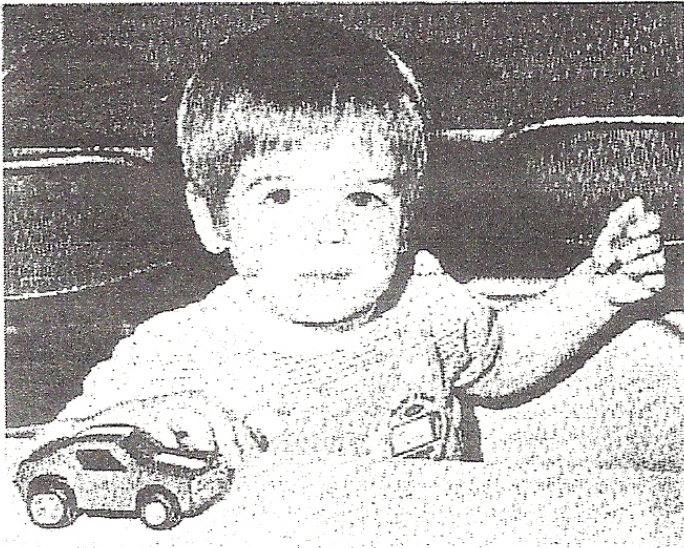
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Reminiscing with the Historian

Step back in time twice with this article, first published in the September 1996 issue of Wheeling the A.

Submitted by Art and Sue Blazek



Do you recognize this face?

This photograph was taken at the Wisconsin Chapter's Christmas Party in December of 1972 of Jeff Richlen.

This picture then appeared in the January-February issue of the Restorer with the caption "youngest member at December Christmas Party".

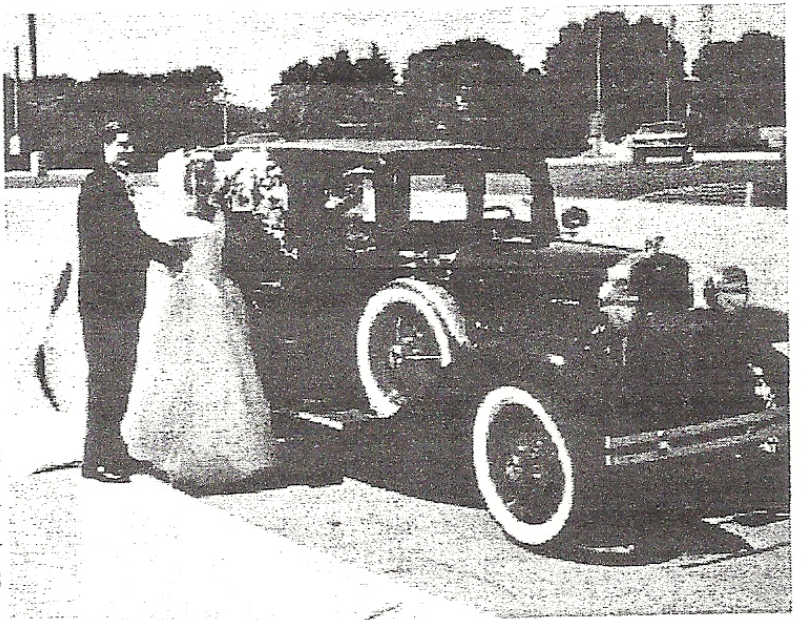
That car was his present from Santa and you can barely make out the cookie being crumbled in his hand.

Well...just look at him now. All grown up and getting married. Still playing with cars....but they're bigger now.

Jeff married Anna on a beautiful August day....August 3rd at St. Roman's Catholic Church.

The car they used for the wedding is owned by Nick and June Mazos.

After the wedding Jeff and Anna honeymooned in Hawaii. They are home again and back on the job. Jeff is an Application Engineer and Anna is a school teacher. Now when Anna has



her students tell what they did during their summer vacation....she really has something to share with them. They will also have to learn to call her by a new name.

Congratulations to them both and best wishes for a wonderful future.



Model A Ford Club of America – Wisconsin Chapter Board Meeting – April 14, 2012

President – Dave Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.
All Board members are present.

President – Dave B- The company we are ordering our embroidery through in Random Lake, Wisconsin, is all setup for us and ready to go. Two club members have already ordered the three season coat at a cost of \$55.00. The members decided to order some extra features with their coats so the cost was a little higher. We sent a letter and a check for \$500.00 to MAFFI to honor our commitment made earlier this year to support the Gilmore Museum in Michigan. We will be recognized as a member of the “Stainless Steel” group at the museum. We also received a thank you note from the St. Patrick’s day parade organizers thanking us for our participation. The Sussex Outreach Services organization also sent us a thank you note for our donation of \$225.00.

Vice President – Mike C. – We have one new member – Mike Uihlein. A motion was made by Mike Y. and seconded by Neil B. to accept Mike as a member. The board voted and approved him as a new member.

Secretary – Dave H. – There were no corrections to the minutes from last month’s board meeting. Mike Y. made a motion to accept the minutes as read and it was seconded by Neil B.. The Board voted and approved the minutes. To date, we have 269 paid members including the new member mentioned above.

Treasurer – Paul P. – The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Mike Y. made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as read and it was seconded by Dave H. The board voted and approved the treasurer’s report. There were no bills or income this month.

Outdoor – Gene T. – A host is needed for the Heritage Days parade. We are still looking for 2 to 3 cars with drivers in period clothes for a birthday party on August 4th, 2012.

Indoor – Mike Y. – The contract for the hall at St. Aloysius Church was signed October 11, 2011 for the last indoor season. It is Mike’s intent to sign it this year earlier to secure the hall. Ads are going to be run in “Wheeling” to find hosts for the meeting dates for our next indoor meet season. Also discussed the dates for the banquet. It will be held on either January 26th, 2013 or February 2, 2013 and is need of a host.

Technical – Neil B. – Neil reminded us of the event at Model A Mail Truck April 28th, 2012. Al and Tony will sabotage several cars and those attending will need to determine what the problem is and repair it.

Awards and Sunshine – Steve L. – Wally Kaufman continues to have some health issues and remains hospitalized. Robert Zeman passed away earlier this week.

Old Business- We reviewed the job description for the Sunshine and Awards position. Several changes are being made by Steve Lewis.

- The following motion was made by Dave B. Members who attain 50 years of membership with the club will become a lifetime member and will no longer be required to pay annual dues. Steve L. seconded the motion, the board voted and the motion passed.
- The new computer was purchased and given to Jan and Roger Olsen which will be used for the club’s swap meet records. Bob Sonnen has been working with them to familiarize them with the various programs.
- A suggestion was made that if we cannot find anyone to do the paid advertiser volunteer position for the “Wheeling” the responsibility would be given to the vice president. It was decided to continue to look for someone for the balance of this year and if no one steps forward to volunteer for the role it will be given in 2013 to the vice president.
- We are waiting to get an address to mail a donation to the training center where the police dog was trained.
- To date, only Mike’s Affordable A’s has paid to advertise in the “Wheeling”. We have not seen a check from Brassworks for the ad they want to place in the “Wheeling”.
- We also have not received any bills from Minute Man Press where the “Wheeling” gets printed.

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New Business –

- The swap meet was discussed. Dave B. will be reviewing the swap meet events from the last four or five years and reporting back to us on the revenue and expenses. We discussed raising the costs of our vendor spaces and admissions as our costs have been increasing. Nothing was decided at this time. A suggestion was made that we should consider having an armed security guard near the cash box during the morning hours because of the amount of cash handled. We will also be looking at our insurance to see if it covers us against theft at this event.
- We also discussed Carl Doro's request for some new software, specifically Adobe Photoshop Elements and Adobe Acrobat Pro. After some discussion, the board decided not to purchase it.
- Dave B. presented an idea of taking the people who are in volunteer positions out to dinner as a thank you for the time and service they give to the club. These volunteers can be found on the inside cover of the current roster. The volunteers would be non-board members and those who do not host tours or events. A motion was made by Dave B. to do this and seconded by Paul P. The board voted on the idea and it passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Neil B. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Huenink
MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter – Secretary.

Add a multimeter or test lamp to your tool kit

Most of us carry mechanical tools in our Model A's – screwdrivers, wrenches, and pliers – and we should carry electrical tools, too. Chief among them are a multimeter or a test lamp.

When your electrical system is malfunctioning, both tools can help you discover where the problem is.

A multimeter is an electrical measuring instrument. A multimeter can be used as an ammeter to measure current, a voltmeter to measure voltage,

and an ohmmeter to measure resistance. A test lamp, which is simply a light bulb with two wires, can be used to check for power in a circuit.

Multimeters come in two styles: digital and analog. The photo shows an inexpensive analog meter, which has a series of markings and a needle in its window. A digital multimeter uses a digital numeric readout instead, and is generally more precise. Either will work for troubleshooting Model A's.

Both multimeters and test lamps have two wires. On a multimeter, these are called probes. You can extend the reach of these wires easily with alligator-clip extension wires. It's a good idea to carry several alligator-clip extension wires in your tool box along with your meter or test lamp.

Multimeters also contain small batteries to allow them to perform their functions. The meter in the photo uses a single AA battery.

How would you use a multimeter or test lamp on your Model A?

Let's say one of your tail lamps is out. Your first instinct is to change the bulb. But if a replacement bulb doesn't illuminate, then there likely is something wrong with the tail lamp's electrical circuit. To check the circuit, set your multimeter to measure Direct Current (DC) voltage. Pick a DC voltage range that is close to the 6 or 12 volts in your car. My car has a 6-volt system, so I simply use the DC range on my analog meter that is designed to test 9-volt batteries. If my needle moves 2/3 across the dial, I know it is registering 6 volts.

To check the tail-lamp circuit, turn on your headlight switch and touch the black multimeter wire probe to the center contact point of the tail-lamp socket and the red to the outside metal of socket. (The red/black alignment presumes your car is still positive ground, as Henry built them.)

If there is electricity flowing through the circuit, the multimeter will display voltage. If you do not get a reading, your electrical circuit is broken somewhere further upstream from the tail lamp socket. You can make this same troubleshooting check with a test light of either 6 or 12 volts, depending on your car. If the test light illuminates, there is electricity flowing to the tail-lamp socket.

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If you suspect that there is a break in one of the wires going to the tail lamp socket, you can check the integrity of that wire using the ohmmeter function of your multimeter. Basically, you are checking to see if electricity passes from one end of the wire to the other. This test could determine if there is a



break in the wire that is hidden by the wire's insulation.

For this test, set your multimeter to the ohm function (it is the "horseshoe" shaped icon on the meter). Touch the two probes together briefly and watch what happens to the meter's dial. Then touch one probe to each end of the wire that you suspect is broken. If the wire is good, you will get the same response from the meter as you did when you touched the two probes together.

Multimeters all come with instruction booklets, which explain in far greater detail how to accurately use the meter. A very basic multimeter can be purchased for \$20 or less at a hardware store. Test lamps are even cheaper, but they won't help you find hidden breaks in wires like a multimeter can.

Multimeters look complicated, but the functions of the meter needed to troubleshoot your Model A's electrical system – from ignition to lighting – are the easiest to use.

– Neil Besougloff, technical meet coordinator

FUR FASHION by Diane Smith

"A Book of Fashion Facts; resource and reference guide of vintage fashions specifically related to the Model A Era" compiled by the Model A Ford Club of America had an article on "Ladies' Fur Garment of the Model A Era" by Joni Morgan.

Fur was popular for coats in the Model A Era. Most frequently worn daytime furs were beaver, Persian or krimmer lamb, and the more economical rabbit. Sport coats were often made of hardier raccoon, muskrat, or opossum.

Antique furs are not easy to find. Make sure you examine the fur carefully. Furs older than 20-25 years have usually begun developing dry-rot, which can't be stopped or cured. Be sure to check the lining, too. Friction wear in the lining is most common under the arms and at the bottom edges, as well as around the neck.

I was fortunate to meet a neighbor of Karen Sukkert who had a rabbit coat that belonged to her mother. Joyce wanted to find a good home for the coat. Karen suggested that I try it on. It fit perfectly.



The Rearview Mirror.....

Spring Tour

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At our destination we were rewarded with two demonstrations, one turning a pot from a glob of clay and another forging a leaf from a steel rod. Mark and Sylvia Mondloch showed us their artistic and hard won skills. It is amazing how much skill and work there is in hand crafted art. WOW!!

We ended our day indulgently with snacks and refreshments at Chuck's Place in Thiensville and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.



The Rearview Mirror.....

Technical meet season wraps up with distributors/water pumps

About 30 club members turned out for the March 15 technical meet, where we learned about distributors and water-pumps in our Model A's.

A special Saturday morning tech meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 in which we will troubleshoot cars that "won't start" for various reasons. We will meet at 9 a.m. at Mail Truck Model A Parts, 8509 South Howell Ave., Oak Creek.

Special thanks for this tech season go to Roger Olsen for taking the lead at our monthly seminars and to Al Downs and Tony Baudo at Mail Truck Model A Parts for allowing our meets in their shop.

The indoor tech meets will resume in October. If you have a suggestion for a meeting topic, please give technical meet chairman Neil Besougloff a call at 262-408-1479.

OUTDOOR MEET ADVISORY TEAM

For help in running an event call:

Jim Kummer 262-895-2897

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**NEED HELP WITH YOUR "A"?
QUESTIONS THAT YOU
NEED ANSWERS TO??**

Call our technical advisers :
Wally Kaufman 262-628-3003
Roger Olsen 262-554-7058

Remember to let the club secretary know if you have a change of address, email or phone number.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Classified ads, such as the ones seen here are free. To place your ad please contact the editor, Sue Quam at 262-785-9021 or by emailing your ad to: msquam@wi.rr.com Ads run for one month unless notified to run them again.

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FOR SALE: 1931 Model A Ford Victoria Leatherback, L&B interior, rear spare, restored in mid 90's, recent rebuilt steering box, excellent tan exterior with brown trim. \$18,000 OBO. Please contact John Nugent @ (262) 691-4221

FOR SALE: 1931 Model A Ford Standard Fordor Phaeton. Complete frame off restoration with professional engine and transmission rebuild. New L&B top, interior and side curtains. All work completed in 1996. Dual side mounts, luggage rack and trunk. Kewanee green. Restored original spotlight. \$25,000 OBO. Please contact John Nugent @ (262) 691-4221.

WANTED: Radiator Shell 30-31 (can be bent or dented a little) Call Ken Baewer (414) 425-4235

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New Membership Application

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