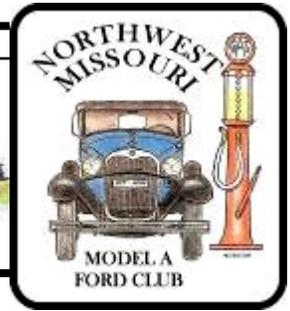


The ROAD RUNNER

MAFCA Charter

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Birthdays

Dorothy Huntley	08/01	Will Staron	08/03
Paula Steenstry	08/01	Terry Richardson	08/07
Sandi Shaw	08/07	Bill Auch	08/19
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Karol Russell	8/12	Harry Lewis	08/21
Beverly Brian	8/28	Tim Fields	08/22
Marcia Auch	8/29		

Anniversaries

Dan & Dorothy Wantland	08/03
Loren & Marilyn Bench	08/07
Devin & Cara Skillman	08/16
Larry & Virginia Weigum	08/28
Tim & Marilyn Fields	08/29

Monthly Meeting

The 1st Monday of the Month,
6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting
The American Legion, 92 Hwy & DD,
Smithville MO
August 3rd, 2009

Board Meeting

The 3rd Thursday of the Month, 7 pm
The Mid-Continent Library
Boardwalk Shopping Center, Barry Road and I-29
August 20, 2009

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club

Meets every Wednesday 7:00 AM-10:00 AM
HY-Vee, Englewood and N Oak

Ice Cream & Socializing

Every Saturday evening 6:00 PM
Big Burger
4700 NE Vivian Rd

Presidents comments:

Harvey and his fellow travelers to Breckenridge did a super job of bringing to us, at the regular meeting Monday night, their schedule while at the regional meeting. They had a super time, so sorry I missed it. Its not too early to start making plans for next year, since it's in Omaha we should get twenty five cars or more to go.

Omaha was the first meeting that Marcia and I drove our car. We didn't get past the Airport when we had a flat. Put on a spare and kept going. Got past St Joe when we had water on the wind shield, it was not raining, added water and kept going. Made Omaha with a couple more add water.

Had a great time in Omaha, they put on a good show. Since the temperature hovered around one hundred degrees, I decided we would leave at four AM, nobody got up that early to join us so we and the truckers were the only ones on the road at that hour. Made it home in super time without adding any water.

Remember that some day N.W. Mo. Model A Club will be asked to host a regional and we will want a big turn out, so lets get involved.

C.U. On The Road



Bill Auch, President

When a habit begins to cost money, it's called a hobby."

Editor's Comments:

I think I'll take the opportunity this month to thank all the members who have continued to submit articles, pictures, and news items. You all make it so much easier for me! Although, it seems like every month, I end up wondering how the heck am I going to make it all fit! But I usually do, somehow. If I ever start making the print or the pictures too small, just let me know.

I've had more people than ever helping with items, so I just wanted to remind you that, due to the limited space, I may not get it in the same month you provide it. But don't let it discourage you, I keep it on the burner for a future edition! It's great to have more things than I can use at once, it means I don't have to worry about what's going in the next issue! I like that!

It's been a busy month, with Wink getting ill, and downsizing at work (less people, more work!), but despite the time I spend on the Road Runner, I find I really look forward to it. I just can't believe how much enjoyment this "old car" hobby has brought into our life. Thanks for letting me be a part of it!

Happy "A"ing to everybody!



Sherry Winkinhofer – Newsletter Editor



Activities & Regional Events

Looking for Volunteers!

Sept Oct Garage nights

- ★ Club Sponsored Activity
- ◆ Club participation invited

Aug 1st-Parkville Cruse Nights

Downtown Parkville
4 pm to 9 pm 816-505-2227

Aug 1st—Cruisin' Lathrop

3:00 Pm until ?
Pavement Parking

★★ Aug 3rd—NW MO Model A meeting ★★

The American Legion, 92 Hwy & DD, Smithville MO

◆ Aug 11th—Roadsters and Ruts

Transportation in the 1920s and 1930s
Jim Spawn, Old Shawnee Town
11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas.

★ Aug 15th—Lecompton KS

Depart Comer Café 930am
Constitution Hall , Lana Museum
More details at meeting

◆ Aug 20-23 14th Great Annual Model A Run around Iowa

Des Moines IA
Info: Joe Lamb, 515-289-4437.
Web Site: www.CentrallowaModelACub.com

◆ Aug 23, 2009-Garage Night ◆

Winkinhofer's Garage, see page 10 for more details

Aug 25, 2009 , Burgers, Brats and Old Cars

See page 9 for details

◆ Sept 12-Edgerton Pioneer days ◆

Sept 12 parade 10am to noon

Sept 13th Speed the light car show

10am to 2pm
Www.CAlvaryagkc.org
816-761-0230

Sept 19-Good Shepherd Antique & Classic Car Show

9555 N. Oak Trfwy
Contact Ron 816-587-8815, rondenning@sbcglobal.net

Sept 20-23 2009 MARC National Tour

Charlottesville, Virginia
contact Woody Williams, 703-858-1192
or vamodela@verizon.net

★ Sept 26—International Model A Day

Plans Pending

Sept 27 Ararat shrine show

Plans pending

Sept 27-Carolyn's 3rd annual antique & classic car show

10am to 5pm arrive at 930
816-781-9196

◆ Oct-3rd Weston Applefest

Coffee and rolls
at Terry & Peggy Richardson's before the parade!

Oct 4th-Gladstone Gladfest Car Show

9am to 3pm, 69th & N Holmes
Proceeds go to scholarships for area students
Contact: 816-436-4523
Or larry@gladstonechamber.com

October 7-10th Hersheys Antique Auto Convention

<http://local.aaca.org/hershey/fallmeet.html>

Nov 7 Fall foliage tour

Plans pending

Dec 13 -Annual Christmas Party

Save the date, Plans Pending

Check out the [website calendar](#) for other events and dates
and for updates, changes and cancelations for tours.

Deadline for the Next Road Runner

The 20th of the preceding month
Email to roadrunner@nwmomodela.com

Or mail to: Sherry Winkinhofer
14900 Green Briar Dr
Smithville Mo. 64089



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Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club Meeting

July 6, 2009 American Legion Hall Smithville, MO 7:00 pm

Treasurer's Report – Approved as read.

Membership: Scott reported that we have 61 memberships, 112 members and 57 were in attendance for the meeting.

Activities: John reported on our trip to Lathrop and the 4th of July Parade in Parkville. The next activity is the Vineyard Grand Classic car show July 18th starting at 8:00. The annual picnic follows at 1:00 in Smithville. The South Side parade in St. Joseph is Sept. 19th. The Weston Apple Fest is October 3rd and the fall foliage tour will be November 7th. Larry announced a tour to Lecompton, KS to Constitution Hall in August 15th.

Concerns: Marsha announced the July birthdays and anniversaries. Marsha said that she sent a card to Barb Anderson.

Publications: Sherry said that she has a new proof reader.

Purchasing: Ron announced that he has name tags and caps for sale. There are also pins still available and they can be made into earrings.

Technical Advisor: Ken mentioned that our website has been getting a lot of attention. Ken announced the mystery part which was a washer inside the steering column for the lights. Charlie is going to have a garage night to go over rebuilding water pumps July 17th at 7:00.

Calling List: Sylvia reported that calls were made for Barb Anderson and Ken Winkinhofer

Historian: Joy said that she brought a couple of discs with all of the year's photos.

Properties: Lee had nothing to report.

Webmaster: Dave asked for pictures of the awards from Lathrop that Lyman and Jim won.

Director: Lyman reported that the July mystery member was Jim Steenstry.

Vice President: Harvey asked for entertainment ideas for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted Malcolm McIntyre



Mystery Member!

Our Mystery Member for July was Jim Steenstry!

When brother took his girl friend to the drive-in theater, hid in back seat and when the kissing started, jumped up to surprise them. Decorated friends dad's new 1956 Chevrolet by drawing pictures on it with a rock. Dad was a police judge and had told the police that if they ever stopped our mystery member for anything, they were to be treated like everyone else. Got a ticket and had to appear before dad in Police Court. Was fined like everyone else and it appeared in the local paper to everyone's amusement. First car was a 1950 Studebaker with a stick shift which they couldn't keep running and had difficulty shifting. A Missouri Tiger fan through and through and met coach Norm Steward who was a good friend of their brother. As a junior in high school, baked cookies laced with x-lax and gave them to a teacher. A teacher for 32 years. By now, you have probably guessed that our mystery member is a female. She had tried for years to get her husband to clean out the garage. When he wanted to buy a Model A, she told him that he had to clean out the garage first. Twenty-four hours later, it was clean. Who is it?

Roadsters and Ruts

Don't forget!! Award-winning author and historian, Jim Spawn (and Northwest Missouri Model A Club member!) will present Roadsters and Ruts: Transportation in the 1920s and 1930s at the Town Hall in [Old Shawnee Town, 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas](#) on Tuesday August 11, 2009. Details were in last month's Road Runner.

SUNSHINE/CONCERNS

Marcia Auch is our Sunshine/Concerns lady! If you know anybody in need of a card or phone call, please let her know. And, if you just want to share the news of a happy event, such as a new grandbaby or a wedding, let her know that too!

Call 816-436-3230

Barbra Anderson is now at Garden Valley, off Barry Road. Visitors would be welcome, but Ron suggests limiting the visit to 15 minutes or so, as Barb tires very quickly. Please continue to send cards or notes to their home address.

July Meeting 07/06/09

The July's meeting was a laid back easy going meeting of friends, just like any hot month activity should be! The entertainment this month turned out to be all the participants in the June High Country Tour. With a very loose format, Harvey Roseberry ran us through the weekly schedule of activities and each attendee would jump in with their stories and memories of this wonderful event.



With two tables of members eager to share their experiences, it took a while to discuss the fun that we had during that week! From Joy and Vickie talking about the fashions, Leland and Eddie talking about the tours, Bob and Wink discussing the judging, and Terry letting us in on why he gave a pass to going on the Grand Tour (something about Loveland pass, and not liking heights!), there were tons of fun experiences to rerun! Wink had a great story about

how he was waylaid in a hallway on his way to a seminar by ladies getting ready to give the fashion seminar. They wanted details about the custom printed fabric his shirt was made from, featuring our Model A (spoonflower.com, they can print any computer collage image you send them as a repeat pattern on quality fabric-pretty cool!)

It was great fun to share this wonderful experience with all the club. Everybody had a great time and a different experience to share. With all the activities all week long, it was hard to pinpoint a highlight or a favorite, because everything (except Wink's trip to the ER!) was fantastic. We finished off the presentation with a short quiz, with prizes of items from the meet!

The rest of the meeting made short work of the club's regular business, and it was time to get in a little visiting in before saying goodbye to all our friends! Hope you made it to the meeting, see you in August!

Vacation Surprise

Submitted by Larry & Virginia Wiegum

A few years ago, we were finishing a week's vacation with our son and his family in South Carolina. I picked up a local newspaper and read about the Charleston Bridge Run, by Model A's. There were four (4) Model A clubs involved. The run was to recreate the Aug 8, 1929 parade that opened the Grace Memorial Bridge and was to be held July 30, 2005. We decided to stay extra day before continuing on our vacation tour of the Carolina's.

The Newspaper article told about the Model A's meeting at a certain park in Charleston. That Saturday morning we found the park and parked our Modern car. We began walking down a tree lined pathway that was lined with moss covered flowering trees. When we reach the center of the park there was an assembly of almost every make and model of A's. We began talking to various people in the crowd of Model A'ers. Some folks in the crowd were wearing vintage dress.

Virginia suggested that we ask someone if there was room in any car that we might tag along with. We asked and found that the Portfields, who



Cars lining up for the trip



Vintage was the dress of the day



Last traffic over the bridge

had a 29 Tudor Sedan, might have room. We found them and they did have and invited us to join after we told them we owned a Model A and belong to a club in Kansas City. We had a lot of time to mingle with the crowd.

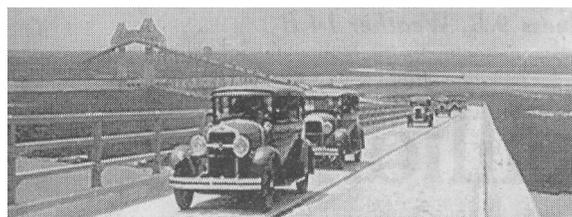
We ran across the former Princess of the 1929 Parade. She sure was a true southern belle, accent and all. At the designated time, we loaded up and gradually formed a line on the city streets. The local police blocked the streets to the bridge.

The Former Princess rode in the Police Car that she rode in 1929 parade. I did not get a total count of the number of cars, but it must have been close to One hundred and fifty cars. We crossed the Grace Memorial and looped around and came back across on the newly opened Arthur Revenel Jr Bridge.

We returned to the park and each club had scheduled lunches or picnics. We said our Thanks and Goodbys before continuing on to Savanna, George.



Repeat performance for the Princess



First Cars to cross Grace Memorial Bridge, August 8, 1929

July 4th Parade-Parkville

14 Model A's joined in the festivity in Parkville for the Annual 4th of July parade. Line up was early, with the parade starting at 10:00 from Park Plaza and winding down through this historic little town.

100's of people lined the parade route and cheered us on. The ahooga horns were a hit with the young and old alike!! You could tell the cars brought back a lot of memories in some of the older onlookers. One ladies was saying ' my dad had one just like that, then he sold it and got one just like that!' pointing at the cars in our group.

About half way through the parade, I thought the fire truck following our group was getting a little excessive on the siren. It turns out they got a call, and were trying to get to the nearest side street to exit the procession and respond to an emergency. As one person remarked, "I've never been pulled over in a parade before!" Hope they got to the fire in time!

Following the procession, we were provided prime parking spaces on Main Street, complements of and with the assistance of the Parkville police force. Thanks guys! A lot of people came over and enjoyed checking out our beautiful toys! Afterwards, we all wandered around and enjoyed the festivities! A nice day, if I do say so myself!



Model A Mystery Part

How well do you know the Model A? Do you know what this part is?



For "Bragging Rights", put your answer on a post-card and send it to:

John Osborn, 802 NE 73rd Terr, Gladstone mo 64118

Or Email: techguy@nwmoModelA.com

Last Month's mystery part:

These are multiple views of the steering light switch rod



bushing. This bushing spaces the light switch rod away from the steering wheel. Charlie Ishmael and Ron Anderson responded with the correct answer on this one!

Only 1,000,000 Miles To Go

Starting this fall MAFCA will begin the Million Mile Challenge. Chapters from around the world will join together with the goal of driving their combined Model A's a million miles in one year.

Chapters will be on the honor system to record the total miles driven by the members each month. The numbers will be tallied and awards given to those MAFCA members participating in the challenge.

Watch for more information in coming issues of *The Restorer* and on MAFCA's web site

Wink's Tech Tips



When was the last time you:

Rotated your tires? Recommended pattern: Spare to right front, right front to left rear, left rear to right rear, right rear to left front, left front to spare. Follow the same pattern in each rotation. Even if you don't rotate right now, don't forget to check your lug nuts to ensure they are tight!

Oiled your gas pedal linkage? There are three places to oil. Behind the engine on the shaft supports, there are holes drilled for oiling. Also, where the rod connects from the carburetor. Might as well oil the two bushings in the distributor while you're at it!

Tightened the fan belt? Loosen generator mounting bolt, move generator away from the block until most of the slack is taken up in the belt. Tighten bolt, then check again.

In quality, make, finish and appearance, this is exactly the same satin striped Habutai Silk shirt that was regularly sold for \$8 last fall. The silk is finely loomed, has a beautiful luster and will wear and launder wonderfully. Made in coat style with soft French cuffs. Come in a variety of fancy novelty stripings in assorted colors on white ground. **\$5.00**

For Dress and Sports Wear



Serviceable, attractive Dress Shirt of well woven, good weight Mercerized Shirting—a quality of material seldom found in a shirt as low priced as this one. Coat style with soft French cuffs. Full cut; nicely finished. Comes in assorted colors stripes on white ground. **\$1.98**

This is a mighty good Shirt for \$1.00 and most stores are still selling it for \$1.95. It is made of good grade Percale that will stand wear. Full cut in coat style with soft French cuffs; well made **\$1.00**



158400. In quality, make, finish and appearance, this is exactly the same satin striped Habutai Silk shirt that was regularly sold for \$8 last fall. The silk is finely loomed, has a beautiful luster and will wear and launder wonderfully. Made in coat style with soft French cuffs. Come in a variety of fancy novelty stripings in assorted colors on white ground. **\$5.00**

Men's extra fine soft silky appearing Mercerized Oxford Cloth shirt. Has turned down buttoned collar, soft band cuffs, breast pocket and is cut in coat style. **\$2.39**



58407. In quality, make, finish and appearance, this is exactly the same satin striped Habutai Silk shirt that was regularly sold for \$8 last fall. The silk is finely loomed, has a beautiful luster and will wear and launder wonderfully. Made in coat style with soft French cuffs. Come in a variety of fancy novelty stripings in assorted colors on white ground. **\$2.39**

58408. In quality, make, finish and appearance, this is exactly the same satin striped Habutai Silk shirt that was regularly sold for \$8 last fall. The silk is finely loomed, has a beautiful luster and will wear and launder wonderfully. Made in coat style with soft French cuffs. Come in a variety of fancy novelty stripings in assorted colors on white ground. **\$3.95**

58409. In quality, make, finish and appearance, this is exactly the same satin striped Habutai Silk shirt that was regularly sold for \$8 last fall. The silk is finely loomed, has a beautiful luster and will wear and launder wonderfully. Made in coat style with soft French cuffs. Come in a variety of fancy novelty stripings in assorted colors on white ground. **\$1.50**

Last fall, if you paid \$2.65 for shirt of this quality, you would have considered that you got your money's worth. It is made of extra good quality Striped Madras with a self cord running through the weave. Coat style with soft French cuffs. Full cut and well made. **\$1.50**

Men's shirts—still in fashion

(source: 1929 Bellas Hess catalog, from flickr.com)

Apparently, men's fashions haven't changed too much when it comes to shirts, although the prices sure have!

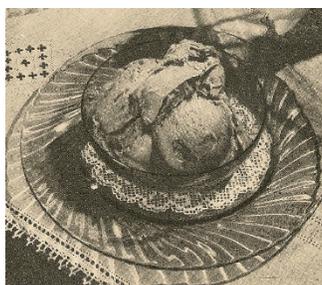
But it wouldn't be too hard to walk into any men's shop today and find similar cuts of shirts.

French cuffs are still available for the well dressed man, and cotton, madras, percale and silk are still popular choices for the fabric (the wool, not so much!) Stripes are always a handsome look, today as much as they were then.

Collars appears to have had several options, including button down and tab-less. I love that tie that being worn with the silk shirt in the upper left corner! Looks very dashing! This should be an easy "Era Appropriate" look to put together!

Vanilla Ice Cream

This recipe is from a 1934 cookbook titled "General Foods Cook Book", From my collection.



- 3 tablespoons Minute Tapioca
- 2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup cream, whipped
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Add Minute Tapioca to milk in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water, bring to scalding point (allow 3 to 5 minutes), cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Strain hot mixture on 1/3 cup sugar, salt, and corn syrup, stirring (not rubbing) through very fine sieve. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Chill.

Add 2 tablespoons sugar to egg whites, beat until stiff; fold into cold tapioca. Fold in cream and vanilla. Turn in into freezing tray of automatic refrigerator; freeze rapidly 3 to 4 hours. Or turn into container, cover tightly, and pack in equal parts ice and salt 2 to 3 hours.

Makes 1 quart ice cream

For chocolate ice cream as picture above, melt 2 squares Baker's unsweetened Chocolate with milk and Tapioca, increase syrup to 4 tablespoons, 1/3 cup sugar to 1/2 cup



Trivia:

Submitted by Charlie Ishmael

When was rubber first discovered and who made the first rubber tire?

The first mention of rubber was in 1525 when the Spaniards in Mexico saw the natives playing with balls of a remarkable elasticity. in 1770 it was suggested as an eraser for pencil marks. in 1823 Macintosh of Manchester England, found that rubber would dissolve in benzene, and begin making waterproof fabric. In 1832 the Roxbury Rubber Co. was formed in Massachusetts to engage in this work, and Charles Goodyear was one of it's employees. Goodyear discovered vulcanization in 1835. In 1842 he begin producing rubber shoes. The first use of rubber tires was when Dietz in 1835 patented a rubber cushion applied to an iron ring or tire. R.W. Thompson an Englishman, on December 10, 1845 patented the first pneumatic tire.

ON THE HOG

A farmer had been selling a friend in the city a dressed hog at Thanksgiving time each year. Last fall the hog was not up to standard and his friend mentioned the fact to the farmer. "I know it", the farmer admitted. "But I'll tell you how it happens. My wife looks after the hogs and whenever feeding time comes she calls them by hammering on an old tin basin. This summer one of my neighbors bought a Ford Model A car and now every time it goes past the house the hogs think they are being called for feeding and the poor things nearly run themselves to death."

Club Picnic, July 18, 2009



What a great day for a picnic!! Who knew it would be in the 70's in July! Just enough of a breeze to keep the bugs away too. John Osborn took full credit for the weather, seeing as he's the one that picked the date to book the shelter house. Great job John! Let's do it that way again next year too!

Twenty A's showed up for the festivities this year, the best showing yet! This year for the first time, we had a pot luck dinner. And boy, did we eat well! The club provided a roast pig, and there was enough left over for another picnic. The ladies (and guys maybe) provided enough side dishes and desserts to feed an army! And just when we thought we couldn't eat any more, here came Leland's pickup packed high with ice cold watermelons! And following that, Dave backed his roadster in with the makings for root beer floats! Talk about indulging ourselves!

I don't know about you, but I needed a nap under those shade trees after that.... Hope you all had as much fun as I did!



Vineyard Car Show 07/18/09

6 fine looking Model A's showed up for the 5th Vineyard Classic Car Show! We were given a place on honor on the front lines. And three of those received trophies.

Total cars appearing at this show approached 150. It was a beautiful day, especially for July in Missouri! Low 70's, nice breeze, beautiful cars, what more can you ask for!



Ken, John, & Scott with their beautiful trophies!

Congratulations go to the trophy winners of our special category. John Osborn took 1st place with his beautiful Fordor, Scott Forsen slid into 2nd place, and Ken Winkinhofer very happily took 3rd. The smiles say it all, don't they!

Commentary on Maintenance-continued



Submitted by John Osborn

This is the next excerpt from this 1996 "Restorer" article by Jeffrey S. Howard.

The Model A's still operational in late 1941 suddenly became very valuable commodities. With gasoline and tire rationing and a 35 m.p.h. national speed limit in effect, the obsolete little Fords proved very useful again. The junk yards were brimming with all sorts of good used parts and tires. The A was happy as a clam under 40 m.p.h. and would stay together and deliver decent fuel mileage too. During the war years, those faithful cars probably delivered the most economical mode of automobile transportation available.

The repair and maintenance picture remained bleak though. Wage and price controls and rationing of strategic materials made high quality repairs very expensive if not impossible. There was no tin for babbitt, no copper for wiring and radiators, oil and grease were scarce, and clutch and brake lining were expensive. Skilled craftsmen disappeared from the automobile garages and instead toiled long hours in the war plants.

Scrap drives, paper drives, aluminum drives, rubber drives (remember "Slap the Japs with your rubber scraps?") were an the

rage. Model A's too tired to be used were sucked into the scrap iron needs of the war effort by the tens of thousands. Those which survived did so on the proverbial "wing and a prayer." Bailing wire, glue, oatmeal, sawdust, Fuller's earth, rubber bands, bar soap, the list goes on and on. The Model A's that lived to see V.J. Day were the last of a very tough, abused and under cared for piece of automotive history. However, while all the Model A's in the world were at tender ages of under 18, the worst was still yet to come!

The postwar 1940s were a grand time indeed for just about every person, place or thing in the U.S. except the surviving Model A's. The offerings of the automobile industry to a car-starved and prosperous public were magnificent - big portholed Buicks, Hydramatic Drive, Rocket 88s, Crosley Hotshots, Stepdown Hudsons, Lincoln Continentals, spaceship-looking Studebakers, they were all there. Everybody who had returned from the war or worried some worn old junker through those years on the homefront bought a new car. "Used hard and put away wet," the remaining Model A Fords were fast becoming cheap curios of a recent past most Americans were trying hard to forget.

Picnic Problems



Submitted by Malcolm McIntyre

You know when you have a party and there is that one guy that just won't leave? Yeah, that was me Saturday.

I had some interesting issues when I went to leave the picnic. The car started right up and I headed up the gravel drive and was accelerating when the car came to a screeching halt - literally. I was stuck. I put the car in reverse, and no go, put it in first, and nothing. I got out and there were skid marks in the gravel where the rear end just locked up about 10' long.

Now many of you attended the June garage night, where we installed Flat Head Ted's brake kits on the rear, and some of you may be thinking, boy I don't want those! As you'll find out, that had nothing to do with it. There was actually nothing wrong with my brakes at all. Anyway, back to the stuck car at the park and a bunch of picnickers wondering what that idiot is doing.

John gave me a hand and determined that the right rear wheel was locked up. It acted like the parking brake so we disconnected that brake rod. No help, still stuck. It had to be the service brake so we disconnected that brake rod. Still stuck. Hmmm. By this time I was becoming the afternoon entertainment so the crowd as starting to gather. Terry and Dave got jacks out and we jacked the car up to see that the rear end wasn't the issue. Lyman was passing out much needed cold water and Ken went and got his hub puller.

We pulled the hub and removed the brake hardware and THAT fixed it. Now it would roll. Of course I had all of these parts dangling from it now. Lyman graciously loaded the car up in his trailer while Dave and John stood guard over his car (although John asked for the keys so they were probably drag racing).

Sunday I reconnected the service brakes and put the hub on. They worked fine and the hub was free. Next I reconnected

the parking brake rod from the lever to the cross shaft and disconnected the other side back to the wheel to check the cross shaft bushings. They were fine, but I did get to remove the whole parking brake assembly off the transmission as I discovered someone prior had installed the clevis pin backwards.

I reconnected the parking brake rods but now I still didn't have the band installed on the passenger side. I moved the parking brake lever but the lever in back didn't move. Hmmm.

Well the answer was quite interesting. Those attending garage night will remember that my spring shackle bolts were tight rather than having the play that they were supposed to, so I fixed this. Now there was 1/4" gap between the castle nut and the spring. When I went over the rutted gravel, the car flexed and the parking brake lever somehow slipped back into that gap and then car settled back down on its springs and wedged it there.

I took a screw driver and popped it loose and the brakes were fine. Had we known that Saturday we could have just popped that loose and I could have driven home. Although odd, it made sense as to why no matter what we did, the brakes were locked, because the lever was locked behind the wheel.

Live and learn, but one thing I did learn is how helpful everyone was getting me home! Oh, and the one last thing. It's never the obvious. We redid the brakes and the brakes seemed locked so it had to be a brake problem right? Nope!

Emergency repairs!



**Third Annual
BURGERS, BRATS AND.....OLD CARS!**

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From I-435: 87th Street exit, then west for 2½ miles (87th curves north and becomes 83rd St without notice). Our house is on north side of street just after you pass over bridge over the railroad tracks. From K-7: East on 83rd Street. House is on the north side, just before the railroad tracks.

Look for a pond and a white split rail fence. Just drive through gate and around back to the barn.

RSVP appreciated so we have enough food!

Okay to bring friends if you let us know how many. (913) 422-8437 (leave message with your name, phone number, and number of people, please); or send an e-mail RSVP with the same info to annehodgdon@gmail.com.

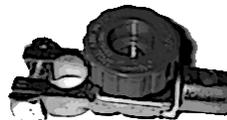
Tech tip for August 2009

CAUTION USING BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCHES

Serious damage can occur to your generator, as well as other electrical components, if the disconnect switch is turned off while the engine is running at a fast idle. The switch disconnects the battery from the rest of the electrical system.



The battery acts as a kind of regulator for the output of voltage of the generator. A generator's output can spike voltages as high as 50 volts without the battery in the circuit. This can blow out light bulbs, damage coils and points and burn up accessories such as a 6 volt positive ground to 12 volt negative ground converter.

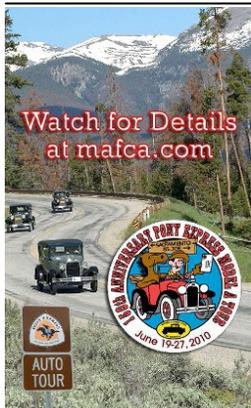


Because the generator doesn't have a voltage regulator it produces current continuously. Without the battery to absorb this current the generator will overheat and eventually burn up.

A battery disconnect switch is a nice accessory to insure that the battery will not discharge during periods of idleness but keep in mind that it does have a down side.



Happy motoring,
Bob Hess



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Watch *The Restorer* magazine and mafca.com for more details.

For Sale / Wanted

As a service to our members, the three area Model A clubs have decided to mutually share our classified ads sections! (this will include Model A specific items only.)

For Sale: 1928 complete engine and transmission, pedals, brakes, and other parts, too much to list here. License plates too!
Contact: Paul Gardner 816-393-5435 evenings

Wanted: Round Warner speedometer for 1931 Model A. Must be re-buildable.
Contact: Delbert Felts
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For Sale: 1930 Fordor Same owner for over 15 years. 8000 miles on rebuilt engine. Excellent condition. Health forces sale
Contact Billie Beeson 816-589-3564

Wanted: Any and all Model A sheet metal parts. Will consider any condition.
Contact: Jim Huseby 816-690-8464, 816-690-6831

Wanted: 2 front doors for a 1930 Murray complete or not, also need rear and quarter glass
Contact: Bill Yardley 316-554-1968

For Sale: Model A engine. Ready to bolt in car, completely rebuilt \$2000
Contact: Larry Andra 316-943-9845

Wed. Technical Meeting & Breakfast

As always, there are a lot of people that don't seem to mind getting up early to talk about Model A's! We've had a lot of members, and a few guests drop in too.



John Osborne led the way again this month in providing a lot of the tech topics, including bringing in a brake adjustment rod built from a magazine article, and showing how to use it. In advance of Garage Night, he also brought in an interesting water pump, origination unknown. This pump has a top with 4 screws and grease ports on the opposite side from the usual. Interesting.... He also provided a couple of give-aways, such as several gas gauges (wooden rulers with gallon marks on it!)

A lot the talk at this month's meeting have centered on the upcoming events, including the next "Garage Night" and the upcoming Vineyard car show. Quite a bit of interest in both activities! Other morning topics have included the problems with out of state titles on antique cars, and the paperwork and cost involved. Wink discussed the processes he had to go through to get a good title on the to-be-restored Fordor sitting in his garage. The last week of the month, the morning was spent discussing Malcom's breakdown at the picnic! Turned out to be a very unique problem, glad he was able to solve it!

One of visitors, Laurin Schutter, told us he found out about the club after his kids told him of seeing us in the Parkville 4th of July parade. He found our website, and immediately made plans to join us for breakfast! Another visitor, Sonny Norris, found us through the MAFCA website, looking for a local club to join. He came, he talked, he joined on the spot! Model A lover just keep coming out of the woodwork!

A great turnout from the ladies on the third Wednesday, but as usual, they didn't share their topics of conversation with the guys. Probably for the best, from the gales of laughter coming from their table!

As you can see, there's a lot of tech talk and plenty of other conversations taking place every Wednesday at Hy-Vees. Come join us no matter if you just have time for a cup of coffee, or can spend a few hours. Hope to see you there soon!

Although always welcome, "Henry's Ladies" are extended a special invitation to attend the Breakfast meeting on the Third Wednesday of each month, to enjoy each other's camaraderie! At this meeting, you know you should always find other club ladies to share the table and a fun and interesting morning with!



Don't forget to check out

"The Plain Ol' A's" website!

www.plainolas.com-website

This club invites us on many of their outings and we really appreciate their friendship!

The next "Garage Night" will be Walt Jones helping us work on troubleshooting wiring. It will be located at the Winkin-hofer's garage again, due to parking considerations! Since we're trying to keep this on varying days, this months Garage Night will be Sunday 08/23/09 at 2:00 in the afternoon!

New Members!

It's been requested that I start printing the new members information in the Road Runner so everyone can update their club roster as required.

Please welcome our newest members!

Art and Marlynne Pugsley,

Art had been looking for our club members at the High Country Tour with the intent of joining! Seems he's been reading the Road Runner on the website, and was very familiar with our tours and meetings. With roots from Missouri, he hopes to come visit one day and participate in some of the activities! Although I don't think we'll see him at our meetings too often, he'll be with us in spirit every month! His emails states "Caution: know to jump in an old car and drive off into the sunrise with no notice or warning! Model A'ing 50 years, MAFCA member since 1961". I think he qualifies as the member with the longest distance to drive to a meeting!



A little closer to home, please also welcome

Sonny & Stacie Norris

Sonny made a special trip to the Breakfast meeting to find us and join in the fun! Tell them hi when you see them at the meetings and the breakfasts!



Garage nights!

Ken "Wink" Winkinhofer

Charlie's Garage Night on 07/17 was a great night to visit and rebuild some water pumps. Charlie Ishmael had a great garage to work in and plenty of parking too! Around 20 guys and 7 ladies showed up to enjoy the evening. Judy provided some great cookies, and several versions of zucchini bread. Although quite a few water pumps were brought, a good number of them were unable to be repaired, due to cracks and other issues. Charlie's keen eye caught most of these almost immediately, before too much time and energy was exerted on them. For those that were repairable, all the right tools were readily available, including the presses needed to remove and reinstall the bearings. It was great to see the different kits from various vendors too. There were some other side activities going on, taking advantage of the extra space and tools. Lee and a few of the guys worked late and got Lee's engine ready for him to take home (Charlie had it there on a test stand).

Judy treated the ladies to some treasures (vintage clothes, hats, etc) gleaned from the thrift shop she works at, available for sale. She raised around \$75 for charity, and everybody had a great time and took home a few bargains! !

I have to say, it was another great Model A night! Hope you didn't miss it!



We still need volunteers for the rest of the summer to share some hands-on experience! Don't be shy guys, you don't have to be an expert, just willing to share some garage space and a little time!

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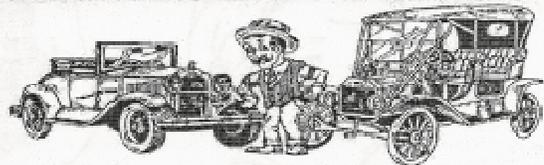
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