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'A'Round the (engine) Block

President's Report



Club Purpose

- "The general purpose of the Calumet Region of the Model "A" Restorer's Club shall be to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Ford Model "A" automobile, model years 1928 through 1931, and all things pertaining to the Ford Model "A", and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among M.A.R.C. members." *You need not own a Model "A" Ford!*

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Well, August is upon us and I don't know what happened to summer. Hopefully, everyone has spent a lot of time enjoying their 'A's, both driving and working on. If not, there are still plenty of good months left to catch up so let's get started.

Our July breakfast run was another pleasurable get-together with Model A friends. If you haven't had a chance to join us then plan on coming out on August 16th to the Wheatfield Restaurant in Tinley Park. After breakfast, you may want to travel a few blocks south on Oak Park Ave. to the Farmers Market in the parking lot of the train station. What a nice way to spend a Saturday morning. Catch the details in the breakfast run box.

Henry is now another year older, 145 to be exact, and he had a great time at his birthday party. We had 8

Model 'A's and 28 members and friends in attendance. I hope everyone had a good time on the tour. Jerry LeMere took 1st place for having the most correct answers and Diane & Chuck are the proud owners of the booby prize. Maybe Diane will model her new glasses for us. Thank



you all for coming!!

A few members observed International Model A Day by attending the demolition derby in Joliet. Not exactly the way we would treat our cars but quite entertaining non-the-less.

Howie had to change his Franklin Car Museum tour but was able to put another

tour together for us. I'm sure everyone who went on the tour this past Sunday had a great time which of course ended with ice cream. Our thanks to Howie for being so flexible.

Coming up later this month is our annual club picnic and also the Quad meet. These are always wonderful events so practice up on your seed spittin' and egg tossin' as I have heard that the competition is fierce! Check the flyers in the Chatter for more information. Also, please plan on traveling with Art and Marsha to Michigan wine country in September and don't forget the Peotone Old Mill Fest.

It's going to be a busy couple of months so here we go!!

See you 'A'round the block,

Carol

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Normally, business meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the **Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Library, 3857 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL.** Call to order is at 7:30 P.M. sharp.

Elected Officers

President– Carol Healy
 Vice President–John Marshall
 Treasurer– Bud Vetterick
 Secretary– Karyn Blaha

Appointed Chairpersons

Regional Director–Art LeMere
 Greeter– Ron Gerhardt
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 Mileage– Jerry LeMere
 Refreshments– Pat Marshall
 Lady's Raffle–Diane Zuidema
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 Web Site– Ed Blaha
 Historian– Art Steinberg
 Technical– Wally Healy
 Region Correspondent– Karyn Blaha

National News



Since 1999 the host regions of MARC national meets have provided a factory employee type meet badge as a souvenir to commemorate their meet. This type of meet badge was not provided at the Dallas 3rd World Meet. During the Dallas meet, MARC received many inquiries regarding this type meet badge for Dallas. As a result MARC

has ordered a limited number of these meet badges for Dallas, they are for sale exclusively through the MARC office. Contact the MARC office for availability and to reserve yours today.

NOTE: These Dallas Meet Badges are presently in the MARC Office and for sale, there is a limited supply. If interest exceeds supply the MARC BOD may order additional badges, therefore if the supply is exhausted when you call please leave your contact information and number of badges you wish to order.

\$5 each plus S&H

S&H within the USA, add:
 \$2.50 for 1-5 badges;
 \$4.00 for 6-10 badges;
 \$5.00 for 11-20 badges.
 All others call for S & H fees

Engine Build Project

Since our last meeting Craig Rith has donated a complete gasket set & oil pump drive gear, Art Steinberg an oil pump, Howie Taylor the drive spring and Wally Healy a water pump for our project. I have found a useable crank that is just .005" undersize that we can have ground to fit our rods. We are now in need of someone to grind the crank and then we can have the main bearings poured & bored. As soon as that is completed we can begin to assemble the engine. If you have knowledge of a crank grinder, please pass the info on to Jack Ventura or your editor

2009 National Meet

For more updated information on the Meet or information on hotel reservations, go to the Meet website at www.2009MARCMeet.com. The hotel is accepting room reservations NOW! Reserve yours ASAP so you make sure you are in the host hotel! Call 1-800-333-3333 or use the link on the Meet website. You want to be where all the action is, right? To volunteer to work at the meet, contact Art or Jerry LeMere, Andy Honiotes or John Marshall.

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Calumet Region M.A.R.C. Business Meeting, July 3, 2008

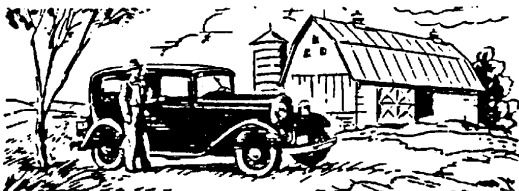
- President Carol Healy called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Greeter Ron Gerhardt introduced new members Karen and Pete Kats. This is their first meeting.
- Secretary Karyn Blaha read the minutes from the June meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read made by Jack Ventura and seconded by Leo Dilger and carried by all.
- Bud Vetterick gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ginny Ventura and seconded by Ann Steinberg and carried by all.
- Vice President/Editor John Marshall had a book by Jim Thomas on the advertising of the Model A Ford.
- Sick Call - No one.
- Badge fines were collected by Ginny Ventura.
- Historian Art Steinberg gave a report on the year 1968. Meetings were held at Capital Savings and Loan. Local dues were \$3.00 and national were \$5.00. January we held a Snowman Frolic at John Tichan's home. February there was a St. Valentine's party. The cost was \$2.25 per person for a buffet meal and entertainment. June - Baseball game against the Illinois Region. We won 13 - 6. November was our Annual Banquet at Algiers Banquet Hall, 86th and Cicero. Cost was \$4.00 per person with a cash bar. For Sale: 1930-31 Coupe body, frame, front fenders and wheels \$75.00; 1931 Flower Car \$500.00.
- Regional Director Art LeMere reminded us about the upcoming meets: 2008 Membership in Marietta, Georgia; 2009 National Meet in Merrillville, Indiana; and 2010 Membership in Terre Haute, Indiana.
- Safety Report - Al Bachman reminded everyone to make sure your brakes are adjusted properly. If you need any help, John Marshall can help you.
- Technical Program - Film on roadside repairs with special technicians.

Old Business

- Engine building going along as planned. We need a crankshaft if we have one. Jack reported that many members have been stepping up really well.
- Wings and Wheels - Not as many Model A's this year. Weather was good until about fifteen minutes before most everyone were getting ready to leave. There were about four hundred rides given in the A's. Jack stated there were some real nice planes there.
- Candlelight Bowl - Twenty-four people participated in three games of bowling. Good food and fun times.
- MARC/MAFCA Meet in Dallas - Andy Honiotes reported that the meet was good. There were lots of activities, including a movie in the park. Alice Koenigsmark took a second place in the Fashion Judging.

New Business

- Henry's Birthday Bash - Starting at the Healys' at 10:30 and heading out from there. Please bring a dessert or side dish.
- International Model A Day is being observed on July 26th. Pat Marshall stated that they're going to Route 66 Speedway and if anyone is interested in joining them, feel free.
- August 3rd tour is still up in the air. Howie will have details to follow.
- August 17th picnic at the Zuidemas'.
- August 31st - Quad Meet hosted by Joliet Region. It will be at the same place as last time off of Jefferson St. It will be \$10.00 per person. You should pay at August meeting. Please bring your chairs and dessert. More information in August Chatter.
- Art LeMere reported on the September Tour, the 17th-21st. They will be staying in Holland, Michigan and will be stopping at wineries on the way up. Let Art and Marsha know if you're planning to join in.
- Mill's Day in Peotone is September 14th. Flyer will be in Chatter.
- Motion to break for coffee made by Jack Ventura, seconded by Bud Vetterick.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



Respectfully Submitted,
Karyn Blaha, Secretary

Calendar of Events-2008

AUGUST 2008

3rd- Jim Dvorak Garage/Ice Cream Tour, Howie Taylor, Host

7th- Business Meeting

17th- Annual Club Picnic, Chuck & Diane Zuidema, Hosts

31st- Quad Meet, Joliet Region, Hosts

SEPTEMBER 2008

4th- Business Meeting

14th- Peotone Old Mill Fest, Jack & Ginny Ventura, Hosts

19th-21st- Winery/Brass Car Tour to Michigan, Art & Marsha LeMere, Hosts

OCTOBER 2008

2nd- Business Meeting

7th-11th- "Hershey"

8th-10th- Ladies Escape, Carol Healy, Marsha LeMere & Pat Marshall, Hosts

18th- Hillbilly Hayride, John & Pat Marshall, Hosts

19th- Gas Economy Run/Fall Tour, Andy Honiotes, Host

NOVEMBER 2008

2nd- Turkey Buffet, Fox Valley Region, Hosts

6th- Business Meeting

15th- Annual Region Awards Banquet, Ron & Judy Gerhardt, Hosts

DECEMBER 2008

4th- Business Meeting/Christmas Party, Howie Taylor, Host

13th-Christmas Light Tour, Steve Rogers, Host

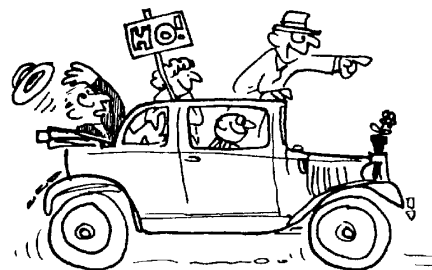
14th- Parade of Lights, Tinley Park, Steve Rogers, Host

27th- Holiday Social, Wally & Carol Healy & John & Pat Marshall, Hosts

Events listed in *italics* are not necessarily club sponsored events but listed for informational purposes only. Watch "The CHATTER" for detailed descriptions and information on upcoming events.

Monthly Breakfast Run

The August Breakfast Run date will be on August 16th. The location is the Wheatfield Restaurant, 169th & Oak Park Ave, Tinley Park. . The time is 9:00 am as usual. Be there or be square!



Thanks to Judy Gerhardt for supplying the refreshments for the August Business Meeting!



Michigan Wine Country Fall Tour

The tentative itinerary is vineyard tours, wine tasting, antiquing, shopping, beautiful scenery & great Model "A" roads. The tour will take place on September 19-21. The destination is Holland, Michigan. You can make your room reservations at the Country Inn & Suites in Holland at 616-396-6677. Tell them you are with the Model A Club and the room rate should be \$94.00 per night. Art and Marsha are making the final plans for what looks to be another memorable tour. Any questions? See Marsha & Art LeMere



Art in the vineyard

Annual Club Picnic



Stop! Don't forget about our 48th Annual
 "John Tichan Picnic"!!!

Sunday August 17th, 2008

At the home of Chuck & Diane Zuidema
 17909 Parker Road
 Lockport, Illinois
 Noon until ????

FREE TO CLUB MEMBERS, GUESTS \$5.00 PER PERSON
 \$10.00 PER FAMILY

Bring a dish to pass!

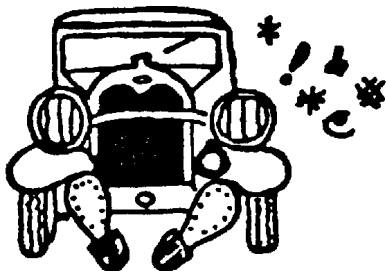
Car Games and Bingo

And don't forget our Annual Watermelon Seed Spitin' Contest!

Call Chuck or Diane at 815-485-4530 for more information or directions

From The Editor

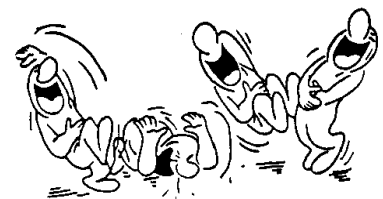
The Henry's A's Region is actively looking for volunteers to work the 2009 National Meet. If you would like to be part of the staff at this Meet please contact Art or Jerry LeMere, Andy Honiotes or your Editor! We need volunteers to work the swap meet, Hospitality room, man check points on the Mandatory Tour, collect tickets for the various seminars and events, work the registration table, work the car games, pass out the ribbons at the end of the Mandatory Tour, just to give you a few examples. Most of you will be attending this meet anyway. This is your chance to be an active participant in a National Meet and see how the National Meets work from the "inside"! Please volunteer to work at least one of these areas and help make the 2009 National Meet a success.



Happy Motoring!!!

Funny Stories About
 The Ford

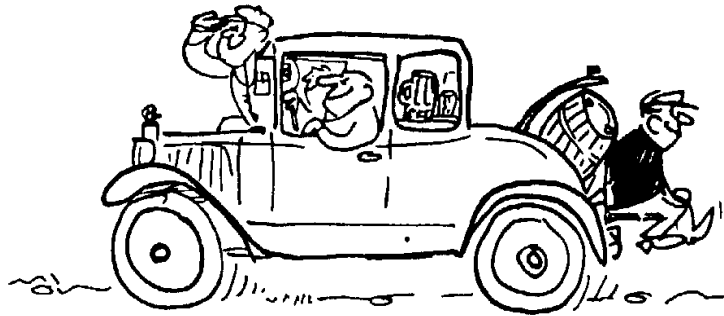
A thrifty housewife saved all of her empty cans and, after a quantity had accumulated, shipped them to Detroit. After a few weeks she was delighted to receive the following letter; "Dear Madam: In accordance with your instructions we have made up and are shipping you today one Ford. We are also returning eight cans which were left over."



John

Coast to Coast in Reverse

Back in 1930 business was fast going into a downward spiral, jobs were being eliminated and for some folks, time was the only real asset they had left. A few of you may recall some of the zany stunts that sprang up all over the country in 1930. Flagpole sitting was probably one of the goofiest ideas of the period, but there were a few that made only slightly more sense. How much sense the following makes- we'll leave up to you! Two St. Louis youths, Charles Creighton and Jim Hargis, suddenly had the idea that they ought to try to drive a Model "A" BACKWARDS from coast to coast. A '29 roadster was selected, chiefly because they already owned it! Several attempts were made in New York City to find a sponsor, but with little luck. Finally Texaco's Sales Promotion Department told the two that when they covered the first 500 miles in reverse, Texaco would pick up the



tab for the rest of the trip. The two lads backed off at the wild pace of 5 mph, headed for Los Angeles - 3,000 miles away. On the open road the speed was kicked up to 15 mph. The headlights were mounted on the rear of the "A" just above the bumpers, and all gears were removed from the transmission except reverse. About halfway to Los Angeles, the decision was made to make a round trip out of the stunt. Neither Creighton or Hargis reported getting a stiff neck, although this is hard to believe.

The Ford covered a total of 7,180 miles (though not recorded on the odometer) in 18 days with day and night driving. In reverse gear, the trip was equal to about 40,000 of normal engine wear. The "A" made it without any major mechanical difficulties-another record for the unbeatable Model "A" Ford.

SWAP MEET

FOR SALE- Distributors, Carbs, 32 Ford Horns, small Model A Parts for sale. Call with needs. Craig at 630-964-6891

FOR SALE- 1929 21" wheel- \$45; 1930 19" wheel- \$50; 1930 wheel with NOS Firestone tire- \$100; 2-1929 Front shock arms complete with bolts, \$25.00 each. Klaxon horn, \$100.00 Call Jack Ventura at 708-389-7776

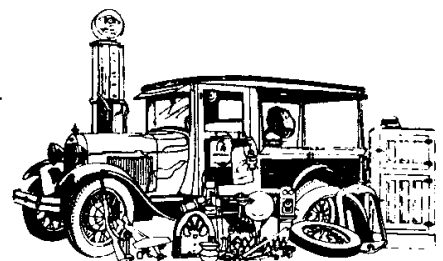
FOR SALE- L.E.D. 3rd Stop Light, 6 or 12 volt. Also metal car trunk, \$49.95 O.B.O. Call Art LeMere at 708-672-4269

FOR SALE- 2007 MARC Roster of Members, complete with phone numbers, Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards, Touring

Class Judging Standards, Branch Service Letters Pins, patches, watches, shirts, hats and loads of other great publications and cool merchandise. Contact Sheila or Peggy in the MARC Office at 734-427-9050.

FOR SALE- Model A polo shirts, white with gold lettering, large-XL-\$20.00, 2X- \$22.00. In stock now the new MARC books "Technically Speaking" #1, 2, 3, & 4, save the shipping cost. For these or any of your other Model "A" parts or carburetor needs, see Howard Taylor or call him at 708-499-5622

FOR SALE- 1960 Chevy 2 door, no rust, needs some assembly, low miles \$5000.00. Call Steve Diaz at 708-373-8507



FOR SALE- Hot off the presses! Volume 6 of the MARC publication "Technically Speaking". Contact Sheila or Peggy in the MARC office for your copy today!

FOR SALE- Model A driver. Call Frank Shoemaker for details at 708-444-4300

TECH TALK TIPS

by Wally Healy

1. If your car has a canvas top, spray with Scotch Guard to help it shed water and dust. Also helps prevent water stains on the inside.
2. A rear wheel Knock Off Nut will fit the end of the steering column to help remove the steering wheel.
3. Push the headlight conduit up into the socket and turn the cap to remove the conduit without tools that scratch plating.
4. Use corks of various sizes to protect threads, bushings, and lube holes when spraying paint on heads, distributors, rear-end housing, trans-mission cases, etc. Just put the corks in before you paint.

Flapper Fashion—1920's Fashion History

The Flapper History

The costume history image in our minds of a woman of the 'Roaring Twenties' is actually likely to be the image of a flapper. Flappers did not truly emerge until 1926. Flapper fashion embraced all things and styles modern. A fashionable flapper had short sleek hair, a shorter than average shapeless shift dress, a chest as flat as a board, wore make up and applied it in public, smoked with a long cigarette holder, exposed her limbs and epitomized the spirit of a reckless rebel who danced the nights away in the Jazz Age.

The French called the flapper fashion style the '*garçonne*'.

Attainable Fashion for All

High fashion until the twenties had been for the richer women of society. But because construction of the flapper's dress was less complicated than earlier fashions, women were much more successful at home dressmaking a flapper dress which was a straight shift. It was easier to produce up to date plain flapper fashions quickly using flapper fashion Butterick dress patterns. Recorded fashion history images after the twenties do reflect what ordinary

women really wore rather than just the clothing of the rich.

The flapper fashion style flourished amid the middle classes negating differences between themselves and the truly rich, but continuing to highlight some differences with the really poor. The really rich still continued to wear beautifully embellished silk garments for evening, but the masses reveled in their new found sophistication of very fashionable flapper clothes.

The Short Skirt Misconception of the Twenties

New students of costume history often mistakenly assume that all dresses day and evening were short in every year of the twenties and that flappers were the only fashion style of the twenties. Dress and coat lengths were actually calf length and quite long for most of the decade. Shortness is a popular misconception reinforced by the availability of moving film of the Charleston dance which shows very visible knees and legs on the dancing flappers.

Skirts only revealed the knee briefly between 1926 and 1928, and this was the only period when evening dresses were short in line with day dress lengths. This was the flapper fashion era.

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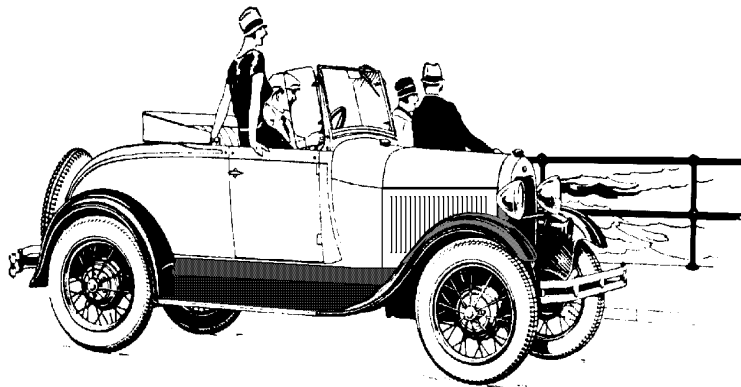
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Quad Meet-2008

Hosted this year by the Joliet Region

Sunday, August 31, 2008

Held at the large pavilion at Inwood Park in Joliet



This year they are having the meal catered. You are requested to bring a dessert to share. Bring your lawn chairs too!

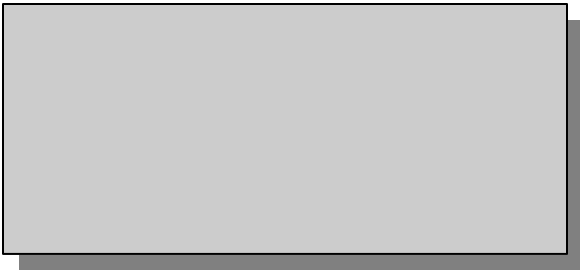
The cost is \$10.00 per person. Let's get our youth involved this year!

Contact Andy Honiotes ASAP if you are planning to attend this event or directions at 815-476-4153

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