



FOUNDED  
1974

# The Gravity Feed

"Best Newsletter 1998"

Vol. 31 #5  
September-October, 2005



PUBLISHED BY THE  
LAKESHORE MODEL A  CLUB  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

**A scene from the Oaks Corners Picnic of July 2, 2005**



*Our picnics at Oaks Corners always feature a variety of antique cars. This year, a Model T Ford Club was invited to join our festive occasion.*

*Next Gravity Feed November-December  
Copy Due October 15th*

*Our Web* <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/lakeshore/>

## From the Editor

The last issue of the *Gravity Feed* has certainly captured the attention of members and many others who saw it. Admittedly, there was lots to report and plenty of pictures to go with the stories. However, the use of color, so generously provided by **Ayers Printing Company**, surely attracted most of the attention. Thanks to Ron Ayers and his helpers for treating us to this special printing of our newsletter.

Besides the many comments made to me in person, below are two e-mail messages received.

---

Hi Fred: Terrific job on the current issue. The use of color is mind boggling especially for someone like me who grinds out a club newsletter and knows what color printing costs. Don't know how you do it, but certainly makes for a great quality job.

Peter Winnewisser

---

Hi Fred & Lea - We received our Gravity Feed today and, as always, we enjoyed reading what the Lakeshore Club is doing and also enjoyed the gorgeous photos of the activities. Congratulations to all the Lakeshore Model A Club members on having yet another successful car show at the Harbor Festival. Don Hosenfeld's truck looks wonderful and we are sure it represents hours of hard work. All the cars are so shiny and beautiful. It must have been a great display. Thanks, Fred, for all the work you do on the newsletter and we just wanted to express to you how much we appreciate it.

Our summer has finally arrived (later than yours!!) and our temps are in the 90's. Two of Walt's sisters are coming to see us for a few days this week and then they will go to see the other brother in Palmdale, CA . We are looking forward to a good time with everyone.

Every time we pass the "Travis AF Base" exit near Fairfield, we think of Fred.

Thanks again for all you do for the Model A Club.

Regards, Walt and Diane

---

Thank you for all the positive feedback on the July-August Issue of our *Gravity Feed*.

*Fred Hauck*

## Upcoming Events; Y2K+5

**Regular meetings are on the second Wednesday at 7:30 PM (excluding the summer months) at Hawns's Heating, 277 Winton Road North, Rochester, NY**

September 4 Dansville Balloon Fest; Averys and MacBrides **Check this issue for more details**

**September 11** Wampsville Car Show; call Dave Pulhamus (352-0149) for details or directions.

September 21 Regular meeting at Hawns (**Error in last *Gravity Feed***)

October 12 Regular meeting; Tape on Panama Canal

October 16 Save this date for a Fall Foliage run.

December 11 (Sun), Christmas Party, Green Lantern Inn, 1 East St, Fairport, NY

Paul & Peg Reger, Bob & Shirley Rheinwald  
(See inside for details)

---

### **PANIC BUTTON ALERT!! FESTIVAL OF BALLOONS AND CAR SHOW SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 DANSVILLE, NY**

This information is **late** but hopefully **not too late**.

Our Club is invited to attend the Balloon Festival and Classic Car Show at Dansville, NY. An attempt is being made to supply the information by the Gravity Feed and by e-mail. If you have additional questions, please call Fred Hauck at 723-1995.

#### **Our plan for the day**

**Do not go to Chili-Paul Plaza**

**Go to Town of Sparta**

**Highway Department Building on Route 256,  
along West Lake Road, Conesus.**

**Be there at 9:15 AM**

**The Averys will meet us there and we will go  
to the Dansville Airport as a group.**

**Read more on page 6**

Last fall, a Model A driving event took us to **Bob and Judy Malley's** vehicle collection in Pittsford. Perhaps the highlight of the visit was inspecting and sitting in their fully restored 1949 Tour Bus (REO engine) and hearing Judy and Bob describe the initial trips driving it home from Kansas.

This year, your editor had the opportunity to photograph the bus at the BCA National Meet in Batavia, NY. Bob's article about the bus and a picture taken at Batavia are appearing here to show our appreciation.

This 1949 Flxible bus owned by **Bob and Judy Malley**, was built in Loudenville, Ohio, and is called a "Clipper".

Flxible started out in 1913 as a manufacturer of sidecars for motorcycles. Mr. Hugo Young invented a flexible suspension for attaching sidecars to motorcycles that allowed the cycle to lean when turning, preventing the wheel of the sidecar from lifting up off the ground. He called his company "The Flxible Sidecar Company". Since the word *flexible* is a common English word, he could not use it as a trademark, so he deleted the first 'e' in the word and wrote it as "Flxible", allowing him to copywrite it. The company was very successful until about 1919, when a person could buy a Model T Ford cheaper than a motorcycle and sidecar, and his business started to decline.

Mr. Young then started buying Buick chassis, lengthening the frame and attaching sedan bodies to produce busses that were similar to today's extended limousines. Since Charles Kettering of General Motors fame bankrolled Young's business, there was a close association with the giant auto maker. In the early Thirties, Flxible bought Chevrolet truck chassis, and installed bus bodies similar to school busses. A new Clipper was introduced, that was a sensation

in the bus field. It came with a Chevy engine up front next to the driver, making cramped quarters for the driver. In 1936, Flxible moved the engine to the rear of the bus and offered the 320 cubic inch Buick engine as an option. These busses were known in the bus industry as "Flx-Buicks".

The Clipper model was made from 1937 to about 1960 with modifications throughout the run. At one time, Flxible was the second largest bus manufacturer in the country. They were popular with the short lines, but Greyhound and Trailways bought them also. The Buick engine was mated to a Spicer 3541 four speed tranny and a Timkin rear axle, and the bus fitted with Ross steering and Bendix air brakes.

Flxible stopped making intercity busses around 1963. In 1950, they had merged with Fageol which made transit busses, and so continued making transit busses until 1996 when they went out of business. This bus is painted in the livery colors of the "Blue Bus Company" that started here in Batavia about 1915, and ran between Buffalo and Rochester. It then merged with the "Valley Bus Lines" in the early 40's, and called the "Blue Valley Lines, and later was bought out by Trailways.



**The Director's  
"State Of The Club"  
August, 2005 Update**

**Prognosis:** Fall is in the air the past few days as we enjoy the last 30 days of summer ahead. We have many car events scheduled in the pre-snow months ahead and hope you can enjoy many of them. One event is within a few days of when this newsletter should reach you. The Lakeshore Model A Ford club is the featured car club at the annual **New York State Balloon Fest in Dansville on September 4th.**

Hope to see you there and a special **Thank You to the Averys** for their efforts in planning and hosting this event for our club. Also, our regular indoor meets begin again in September.

**Sunshine Club:** Great news—nothing new to report. Hopefully everyone is healthy or on the mend. Remember to let **Lois Dawn, our Sunshine Lady,** know of members in need of an appropriate card from the Club.

**July & August Events:** The club had four road events. We had our annual picnic at the **Oaks** home on July 2, our Canandaigua Lake picnic at **Hawns** July 24, and a car Rally/Steak Roast hosted by the **Heaney's** on July 31. **Thank You to our hosts** for their efforts planning and hosting these great events on our behalf.

**Buffalo Corn Roast:** On August 21, the Niagara Frontier Model A Ford Club hosted our club at the

annual Corn Roast. This event included a beautiful day to travel on some very scenic back roads, great food to eat, and a lot of fun playing the various games planned after we were full. The highlight, of course, was meeting with our friends to the West and seeing their Model A's and other interesting antique autos. They even let a few GM vehicles park in the long line of Henry's Ladies. **Thank You to the Niagara Frontier Model A Ford Club.**

Lakeshore member prizes were few and far between when it came to our gamesmanship skills. We lost badly in the egg toss and water balloon events. Ann Marie MacBride, with Jim as navigator, managed a next to last place finish in the timed blind-fold drive between the pylons. Dave Pulhamus, however, with some convincing, made the attempt with Ann Marie as navigator and pulled off our lone victory. Imagine how fast Dave drives when he can see! We look forward to hosting the Buffalo group next year.

**2006 Elections:** We have had no volunteers for a nominating committee for next year's officers. There is still time so give me a call if you are willing to serve the club in this fashion or would like to run for an office next year. Elections are in November at our annual planning meeting/picnic. The Board of Directors will conduct the election.

**September-October:** See the indoor and outdoor schedule in this Gravity Feed. Your participation makes an event successful. See **You** there!

Jim MacBride-Director

## Insanity Rallye and Steak Roast

Planning and running a road rallye is a time eater and not a trivial task. HOWEVER, the reward to the rallye masters is that everyone who attends has a good time. This event went well and all that attended seemed to have fun. The ultimate reward is someone saying that they would like to use the basis of this rallye and adjust it for their friends and family rallye later this year. This makes it all worthwhile.

Those who ran the rallye are convinced that Paul has an evil streak in him and is out to drive people crazy. He fully admits this and that is why he titled the rallye the "Insanity Rallye".

Prizes were awarded as follows:

First place Kim and Alan Blood  
Second place Carol and Stu Caswell  
Third Place Linda and Don Hosenfeld  
Fourth Place Mary and John McAlpin

The weather was beautiful, the steaks - tasty, the dishes to pass - all great, there were no breakdowns on the rallye and all participants arrived back safely with their marriages still intact. What more could anyone ask.

All in all, a good time was had by all in attendance.

Paul and Joan Heaney  
Master (?) Road Rallyists



On July 2, 2005, Our Club enjoyed another picnic at the home of Nathan and Ann Oaks. The **Flivver Drivers Model T Club of Western New York**, of which Nate is a member, was invited.

Nate reported that 40 people attended the picnic. Five families brought Model T Fords and the balance were from the Lakeshore Model A Ford Club.

Aside from these pictures and a big thank you to Nate and Ann, little more needs to be said to show our appreciation and to remind club members of the great times had at Oaks Corners.

**The following information came from the  
Web site of NYSFOB  
(New York State Festival of Balloons)**

**Events**

Labor Day Weekend  
September 2 - 4, 2005  
Hot Air Balloon Launches (6am & 6pm daily;  
weather permitting)  
Balloon Rides; Arts & Crafts  
International Food Court  
Rides & Games for Children  
Tethered Balloon Rides; Lumberjack Show  
6 scheduled launches beginning Friday, 6 PM, Sat-  
urday and Sunday 6 AM & 6 PM, Monday 6 AM  
NO DOGS/PETS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS.  
NO COOLERS- NO ALCOHOL

The goal of the festival is to provide entertain-  
ment and enjoyment to our spectators, bring visitors  
to our community, and share our profits with local  
charities. Over the years an average of 35,000 spec-  
tators per year visit our valley to enjoy the festival.  
The success of the 2004 festival made it possible to  
share profits with local charities and organizations.

See next page for **Car Show** information and  
registration form.

**Lakeshore Model "A" Ford Club  
Financial Report May 2005**

Balance brought forward 5/11/05 \$1115.97

**Income:**

Membership dues (McAlpin, J. & S. Spelman, Silver)	\$60.00
Car show sponsor (Brothers Collision)	\$60.00
15 Car show pre-registrations	<u>\$105.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Registration for Mileage award	\$1.00
Stamps for car show	\$74.00
Plaques for trophies	\$109.21
Dash Plaques	<u>\$290.95</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$475.16</b>

New Balance 6/3/05 \$865.81

**Other account**

Balance brought forward 5/11/05 \$305.00

**Income:**

Membership dues (Scheible)	\$15.00
<b>New balance 6/3/05</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>

**Christmas Luncheon**

**December 11, 2005  
Social Hour 1:00 Buffet 2:00**

**Green Lantern Inn**  
1 East Church Street  
Fairport, NY 14450

**Luncheon Buffet**  
Price \$15.00 per person

Roast Beef  
Baked Chicken  
Baked Ziti  
Mixed Veggies  
Tossed Salad  
Sliced Cheese  
Relishes  
Coffee/Tea/Decaf  
Dessert

**R.S.V.P.** by November 28th to:  
**Bob & Shirley Rheinwald**  
125 Langford Road,  
Rochester, NY 14615

**Bring a gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange**





# CLASSIC CAR SHOW

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

10 am – 4 pm

- OPEN TO ALL MAKES OR MODELS OF VEHICLES
- NO REGISTRATION FEES
- DASH PLATES AND 2 FREE FESTIVAL ADMISSIONS TO FIRST 100 CARS
- FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR WEBSITE [WWW.NYSFOB.COM](http://WWW.NYSFOB.COM)

**ENTER VIA SHAY ROAD, OFF ROUTE 63, NORTH OF VILLAGE. (BETWEEN MAIN TIRE STORAGE UNITS AND THE SCHOOL BUS GARAGE)**

**NO PETS - NO COOLERS - NO ALCOHOL**



Print print this page and complete the following information so we may plan on your arrival. Mail to address below.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR/MAKE/MODEL of VEHICLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: NYSFOB  
 attn: Car Show  
 P.O. Box 427  
 Dansville, NY 14437



**1912 Hudson**

## RIT Car Show July 31, 2005

Many of the Lakeshore Model A Ford Club members are attracted to the annual RIT Car Show hosted by GVACS.

Arriving late in the day to have a quick look, I spotted Howard and Jan Sharp, Fairport, NY, preparing for the trip home. They were dressed appropriately for the vintage of their two cars, so I asked permission to take pictures for our *Gravity Feed* fashion page.

They were sporting their 1912 Hudson and 1909 Hupmobile.

Thank you, Howard and Jan, for making this page possible.

*Fred Hauck, Editor*



**1909 Hupmobile**

## One Good Turn Leads to Another

*By George McNeil*

During the 1983 Glidden Tour in Frederick, MD, Betty and I stopped to offer help to Ray O'Hanlon and his wife, Nancy, who were having trouble with their '31 model A Ford Roadster. Ray said his generator was not charging. Investigation revealed that the belt was slipping on the pulley of a frozen generator.

We loaned Ray a spare generator from under our rear seat. This is how you make friends on the Glidden Tour.

Over the years, We have made many trips to visit Ray and Nancy in Putnum Valley, Westchester County, NY. We always have time to play with Ray's 1910 Model 17 right-hand drive Buick or his 1911 Model T Torpedo. Of Course, over the years we have met their club members and have been invited to their events.

Lakeshore members, on this years Glidden, be

sure to wave to Ray and Nancy in their 31 Roadster, Tour number 96.

## The Rest of The Story

Ray needed to have axle gears removed from Model T Ford Axles, so I brought the axles home to Paul Reger. Paul and I spent an enjoyable afternoon playing with our "toys". But the best part of the project was the coffee and cookies provided by Peg at the end of the day.

These pictures were taken of Paul in action with his torch and trusty hammer.



Articles of the type illustrated on this page are always welcome and invited. When you have an interesting thought, fact or story about antique cars or maintenance, pass it on to the editor. Our Club is blessed with several skilled mechanics that deal with specialized work on old cars. To mention a few, George Anderson rebuilds generators and starters, Paul Reger likes to work on water pumps and carburetors, Paul Kron tackles anything, currently building four speed transmissions with overdrive. Bob Bouldin from Warsaw has a Model A Ford garage. Nathan loves brakes and two carbs. George McNeil spent a lifetime as a mechanic. I don't mean to skip anyone, but I have. These fellows can do it all.



### The Picnic at Slumber Inn

To the Hawsns each year we go to eat,  
 And relax by the lake with elevated feet.  
 It is a place called the "Slumber Inn".  
 We watch the waves or take a swim  
 Or contemplate something held within.  
 As the day flows by, the stories begin  
 About days and years we spend together  
 Or how our bones are taking the weather.  
 We care for each other without being told  
 And hope the picnics will never grow old.  
 It has been that way since 74.  
 When founded and named Lakeshore.





**The Hawn Picnic; July 24, 2005**

I was invited to take my knitting machines to an antique farm equipment show in Luthersberg, PA, On August 20, 2005.

George Saula was there with his Huckster Pickup and it was the only Model A Ford at the show. He just happened to have a brief story about the vehicle, so it didn't take long to get some pictures and a copy of his story for the *Gravity Feed*.

*Fred Hauck*



## 1930 Ford Model A Woody Pickup

*By George and Arlene Saula*

This 1930 Ford Model A Woody Pickup was located in Minnesota by a gentleman who brought it back to the Pittsburgh area and began its restoration.

The 4 cylinder engine was completely overhauled and the wood partially restored when the owner passed away in 1998. The vehicle was left in storage with several other collectible vehicles the man owned and in 2004 George Saula purchased the Model A from the son of the original owner and began to complete the restoration of the pickup.

The vehicle has mechanical brakes and can reach a speed of 50 MPH. The wood on the body

and truck bed is oak and the bed has been converted to portray a Huckster Wagon, which was a common sight in a lot of areas, when cars were few and shopping centers did not exist.

These Model A's were used to carry fruits and vegetables, bread, meats and fish, tools for knife and scissor sharpening, and for the collection of old clothing that was used to make woven rugs. The vendors usually came to the neighborhood once or twice a week and the fruit and vegetable man was always a favorite with the children because he always had a supply of penny candy for them to enjoy.

~ Thank you for your interest in our vehicle.



Fred Hauck  
2428 English Road  
Rochester, NY 14616

Address Correction Requested

## Officers

DIRECTOR: **Jim MacBride** 585-594-5836  
ASSISTANT DIR: vacancy  
TREASURER: **Susan Smith**  
SECRETARY: **David Pulhamus**  
EDITOR: **Fred Hauck** 585-723-1995  
HISTORIAN: **Ann Marie MacBride**

**Editor e-mail; knit1@mindspring.com**

The *Lakeshore Model A Ford Club*, a Charter Region of the *Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC)*, and a Chapter of the *Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)*, was founded on May 4, 1974. The purpose of the Club is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the original Model A Ford automobile.

Regular meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM (excluding the summer months) at Hawn Heating and Air Conditioning, 277 North Winton Road, Rochester, NY. The club participates in activities with neighboring Regions of MARC, and tours locally on a monthly basis throughout the summer.

## NATIONAL CLUBS

Model "A" Restorers Club  
6721 Merriman Road  
Garden City, MI 48135  
Telephone: (734)427-9050  
Club magazine, Model "A" News.  
[www.modelaford.org](http://www.modelaford.org)  
US Membership dues \$35.00

Model "A" Ford Club of America  
250 S. Cypress Street  
La Habra, CA 90631  
Telephone: 562/697-2712  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm pacific standard time.  
Toll-free: 1-888-2MODELA  
Club magazine, The Restorer.  
[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)  
US Membership dues \$30.00