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Five Club Picnic - Fillmore Glen

On Sunday August 19th members of five Model A Clubs met at Fillmore Glen State Park for a picnic. With over 40 Model A's in attendance it was quite a spectacle. See inside for more photos and details.





Hello

Again it seems like I was typing the last issue of this column just a short time ago and two months have passed. Time fly's too fast for us mature folk.

I would like to especially thank all the members that sent me material for this issue. In fact I had so much data I added 3 more pages.

Special thanks to Paul Kron and Dave Vanable. Paul for his well planned trip to Niagara Falls Aquarium and Mac's Auto Parts in July . Dave for his generosity in having a club picnic at his home in Honeoye Falls in late August.

Again I stress that your publication is only as good as the material submitted. Soooo please send me any news or pertinent photos even if it seems trivial.



Events;

Monthly Meetings will be held at various times and places in the future.

The times and places will be announced by Email as they become available.

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October 6th - Rolls Royce Garage trip - Joal Shaw . See details later in this issue.

Thoughts on future club operations

(Continued from page 4).

Dick and Julie Vice - We just read Dave Vanable's input of what is important to him and also what he enjoys the most with the Lakeshore Model A Club. He put into words Dick's and my exact thoughts of what we enjoy about our Model A club and most important enjoying one another's company at a social gathering and/or technical seminar. So as not to repeat everything Dave said Dick and I would like to state we are on the same page as Dave and Trish are and express the same thoughts and feelings about the club. (Please note in addition Dick and I have not been available for business meetings because of our leaving for Fl. for 4-4-1/2 months a year. That is why we have never put input into decision making for regular monthly business meetings.)

Director's Corner September/October 2012 - Dick Chape

This summer has been a very busy time for all. I have been busy rebuilding my 1928 Leatherback. The club has had some mighty fine meals, many interesting trips, and plenty of great times together.

Paul and Sue Kron lead a fine day trip to Niagara Falls. The trip was a combined Lakeshore Model A Club and the Batavia antique car club. We had a bit of Model A's, Classic cars and a few modern cars. We visited the aquarium in Niagara Falls, had a tasty lunch, and had a detailed tour of Mac's antique car parts store. We tried to get an unescorted tour of the parts storage area at Mac's but they informed us that there were many security cameras all over the warehouse.

The Model A club had a unique opportunity of meeting a group of Model T cars and their dedicated Canadian car crews at a B&B near our house in Hamlin. Our Lakeshore Club had a light breakfast at Dick's Man Cave. We then drove over to the B&B together. There were 26 Model T cars in various conditions and styles. There were a few folks from Canada who already were friends of our Model A owners; a great reunion of old friends. John DeRue gave everyone a tour his shops, my Man Cave is nothing in comparison. John has one big room for prime paint, one huge room for finish paint, one room for rough assembly, one room for final assembly, there are even more rooms and a bunch of cars in various states of assembly. A wonderful time was had by all. Time to dream.

Our club was part of a 5 club picnic on Aug 19 after the 6th club chose to back out of the activities. There were approximately 75 people from the area. Many Model A's and other cars were all parked in the field at Fillmore State Park. There will be another multi-club picnic in 2 years. This was a great opportunity for our club members to meet and enjoy the company of other club members.

Dave and Trish Venable invited everyone to their house on Aug 25 for a very nice potluck picnic. The fine food and comradery were the best. We had a number of Model A cars and 36 folks. Tom and Sue Smith also stopped on their way back home after taking part in the 1000 mile antique car trip.

We have been trying to increase participation with all club members by offering a variety of social and technical events. Please remember that this is your club. We have had limited success with the new meeting format and would like other ideas from the club members. Please let me know if you have suggestions for something different. We can make it a specific day and time. We can also have it at a church or restaurant. The restaurant idea can incorporate lunch or dinner with the meeting in a separate party room (ie. Slayton's in Spencerport). I need your help.

It's nice to see a Model A on the road. Enjoy your car and share your time if possible with others.

Dick

EASTSIDE CRUISE - IN NIGHTS

A good place to socialize, look at some older cars and show off your pride and joy.

Monday - Calkins Road, Henrietta Wegmans

Tuesday - Fairport, along the canal

Wednesday - Log Cabin, Route 31F Macedon

Thursday - Wegmans, Bay Rd. And Empire Blvd.

Friday - Schrieners Club, on Bay Road

OTHER EVENTS

September 9th - Wampsville Model A Car Show.

September 16 - Medina car Show - Orleans County Fair Grounds

December - Christmas Party

Some personal thoughts about future meetings and events.

Dave Vanable - For me, the fun of the Model A Club is in the social events - especially with our cars - and the technical seminars where I learn and can contribute as well -- rather than in the business meetings.

I really enjoy spending time with the people in the club, who are notably nice and also extremely giving of their time and knowledge and resources. For me, the monthly meetings are more dry, with a "have to" feel rather than an "I want to" feel.

And to be really clear, this is not to make anyone wrong, or to say that anyone is not doing a great job with things... this is more about what I enjoy - and am sharing here thinking it might spark some discussion, either here or otherwise at the next meeting.

The picnic yesterday is a good example of what's fun for me - not much organizing or prep needed, a chance to get together and hang out and talk, and enjoy driving and admiring our Model As. We are a group of very diverse people, and the one common thread is of course an interest in the cars we enjoy. Though we all seem to like food too.

The idea of meeting for dinners could be aligned with what I like, except that at night probably the Model As won't be driven... and in the winter of course they won't (though I have thought about driving to the holiday party a couple of times - too cold for Trish though!). And while weekends are better / more flexible for me, since I am often over-scheduled my schedule is not good to use as a driver of whatever plan is developed.

I almost wonder if we need fewer formal meetings (4x per year?) and more fun social events? There's really not that much business to transact - everything seems to roll right along, as long as we have people signing up to lead events and the wonderful folks like Sue keep us on track financially. And with email and word of mouth, we seem to be getting things across without the need for a meeting.

Dick Chape - As we move forward with the future activities with the Model A Club, we need to get our meeting times solidified. For a long time we were meeting in one location on a regular schedule. Time and situations changed so we tried to accommodate folks. We tried to meet with different times and dates. The results are being evaluated but actual results are less than spectacular. Al and Lois Hawn will allow us to continue to use the storage room located at Hawn Heating.

I would like to set up our next club meeting at Tony and Mary Ann Caruso's place in Gates for Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 pm. The address is 29 Marc-Mar Trail. From East or West using Route 531 exit at Elmgrove Road. Turn North to Spencerport Road. Turn right on Spencerport Road approx. .4 mile to Marc Mar Trail. Turn right to 29 on right There will be a club sponsored supper for those who attend. Hots, hams, side dishes, dessert, place settings and beverages. Please attend and bring your ideas.

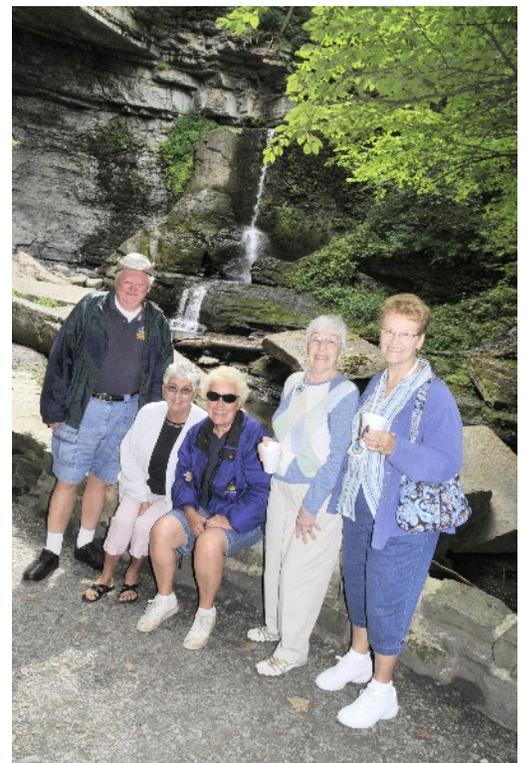
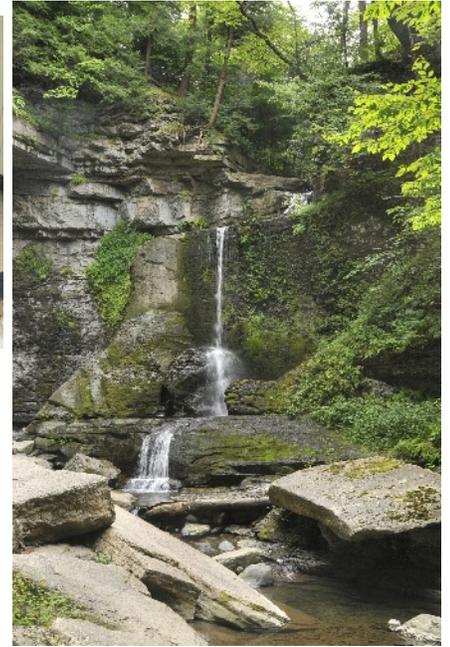
Agenda Items include but not limited to the following;

1. What kind of schedule, 9 meeting and summer off
2. Where do we meet
3. What time (6:00 pm)
4. Restaurant with party room
5. Dinner meeting, Wed slow night
6. 3 choices or open menu, separate checks
7. Rotate restaurant location because of distances (Fairport, Irondequoit, Greece, Henrietta)
8. Who sets up meeting, 1 person, 1 with assistant, 1 in each area

Please contact me at 964-8417 by Friday morning Sept 7 or sooner if you plan to attend. We need the number so we can obtain enough food for all. The club needs your help...

A day at the Glen - Not Watkins - Fillmore

After a brief pit stop at Nate Oaks home in Oaks Corners and waiting a little while for Jerry Williams in his souped up Model A, who, it seems, ran out of gas even though he had two gas tanks. (This is surly to come up at the Christmas Party.) Our group headed south for the 5 Club Picnic at Fillmore Glen State Park. Arriving around 11 am and adding our A's to the already large group already there. (See photos on Page one) we proceeded to socialize and see some of the sights of the Glen. A wonderful buffet lunch was served shortly after noon and was followed by two interesting lectures. The first being on the early road system in western New York and the other on the different styles of firewalls in the four year life of the Model A. Nate brought his cutaway displays of a steering gear box and a transmission. The weather was perfect and after a great day, our group started for home about 2pm.



International Model T and A get together in Hamlin.

In early August a group of Lakeshore members met at Dick Chapes home and after a few goodies proceeded down the road to the Bed and Breakfast and restoration shop of xxx xxxx. There we met up with a group of Model T owners and their vehicles and took a very interesting tour of the restoration facilities. All agreed it was well worth it and a good time was had by all. Below are a few photos of the outing.



A Special thanks from Meghan Barrett

In June of 2012 I received a letter from the National Model A Ford Scholarship Fund. I had applied back in December, and had been anxiously waiting for a response to let me know if I would be one of four nation-wide winners to receive a thousand dollars per year of college education. To my astonishment, I had indeed won a scholarship – the letter congratulated me on my participation in the club and the hobby. Today, I wanted to send out a quick thank you to all those in the club who helped me achieve this scholarship – I truly couldn't have done it without you.

First and foremost, I must thank my Father – Richard Barrett – for getting me interested in the hobby. His passion for cars is unrivaled, and undoubtedly part of my excitement over Model As comes from growing up with such a knowledgeable, engaging father. If anyone really helped me win, it was him. But there were others too, who helped me keep my interest. For example, Paul Heaney's deep conversations with me at the Hosenfeld's Pancake Breakfasts (one of my favorite events, ever) that made me feel like an adult when I was only seven or eight, and likely required immense patience. Or George McNeal, having me drive Nate Oak's Model T when I was only 12 (to those poor people in the back seat, who were likely terrified, I am so sorry). That was my rather perilous foray into driving, and an unforgettably fun (if risky) experience. When I was younger, in order to earn points towards my Model A World award, I used to give small talks in front of the group – and I always remember Jim McBride's face smiling back at me.

Really, those are just a few of the people in the club who have had a positive impact on me, and kept me interested in the hobby all throughout my high school career. This thank you extends to all of you in the club who have encouraged me, taught me, and made my experience in the hobby great. Thank you all, so much. Especially you, Dad.

~ Meghan Barrett

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rolls Royce Trip

Saturday October 6th we will be driving our "A"s into the city to visit a wonderful, fully equipped Rolls Royce Restoration Garage. The plans are to meet at Joel & Patty's house (31 Sandle Drive, Fairport, NY) at 9:00 A. M. There will be coffee and donuts ready for you. We will be leaving promptly at 9:30 for our trip to the garage. We will have a two (2) hour presentation and tour of the facilities there. We will then leave promptly at 12:00 for the Log Cabin on RT 31F in Macedon. NOTE: We have to inform the restaurant on the number of people to plan on, so we are assuming that if you sign up for the tour you signing up for the dinner at the restaurant also. If this is not true please inform us ASAP.

Joel & Patty's phone # is (585) 385-3776 Thank You

NIAGARA FALLS AND MAC'S MODEL A PARTS

Back in July group of Lakeshore members met at the plaza in Brockport and set off for a trip to the Niagara Falls Aquarium, with dinner and a visit to an auto parts warehouse to round out the day. Led by Paul Kron all had an interesting and enjoyable time.



After a seemingly long trip we parked on a hillside at the Aquarium. An hour or so later we proceeded to the restaurant for a very good lunch. We then visited the large operation of Macs Antique Ford Auto Parts in Lockport, NY. After the visit to Macs we were on our own to get home. We all made it.



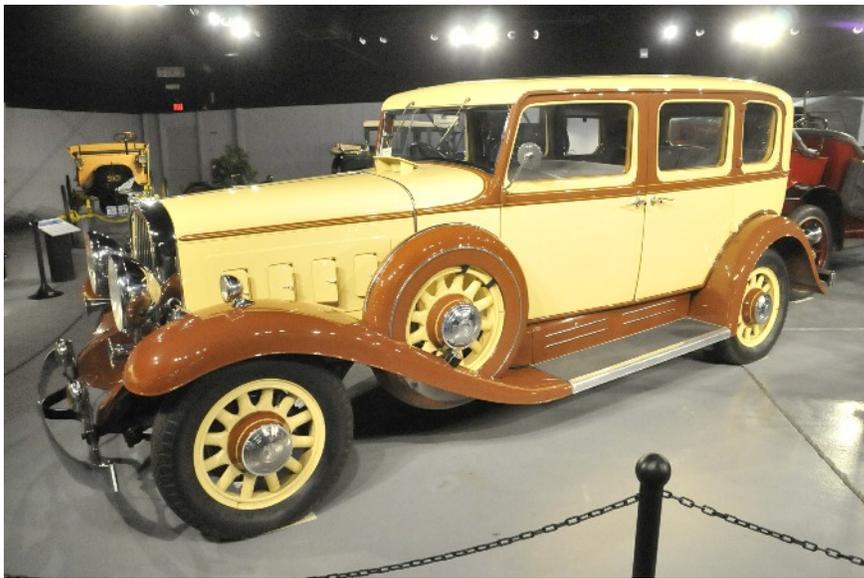
A PARTY AT DAVE'S

On August 25, a bright sunny Saturday, a group of around 30 members and a dozen Model A's gathered at Dave Vanables home in Honeoye Falls for a late summer picnic. All the girls brought a dish of their favorite food to share with the others. Dave had prepared for our visit by setting out chairs and tables to accommodate us. It was a perfect end to a warm summer. A few of the men gathered to discuss their cars and offer advice to some of the other members. Below are a few photos of the outing.



Bonus page - Norwich Classic Car Museum

After the 5 club meet at Fillmore Glen Jim Burlingame and MaryAnn went over to Norwich, NY to visit the Antique Classic Car Museum there and were so impressed with the cars Jim decided take the liberty (as editor) to show some of them here.



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The Lakeshore Model A Ford Club, a charter region of the Model A Ford Restorers Club (MARC). And a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, was founded May 4th 1974. The purpose of the Club is to serve as a medium to exchange ideas, information and parts between admirers of the Model A Ford

Regular meetings are held monthly at various members homes. Refreshments are served and a Model A Technical Seminar usually follows the meeting. Further information is provided as the date gets closer and on the activity chart in this issue.

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Lakeshore Model "A" Ford Club Financial Report July August 2012

Balance brought forward 7/6/12	\$3,352.66
Income:	
Membership dues (Scheible)	
\$25.00	
Expenses:	
Car show cancellation fliers	\$80.00
Refreshments for August meeting	<u>\$30.89</u>
Total	
\$110.89	
New balance 8/28/12	
\$3,266.77	

Members featured Model A - Joal Shaw

The truck came to Fairport in early December of 1988 in pieces. Vern VanDewall and myself brought it home from Scranton, PA. There was a roadster cowl on the frame and the truck cab was sitting sideways on the frame. The engine was a '32 -or- so 4-cylinder which ran, along with a "float-a-motor" set of engine mounts. The restoration would include a correct engine rebuild, the transmission, as well as the differential with all new parts, gears, bearings, etc. as required for a first class restoration. The body work was done through several trips to Riter Restoration in East Rochester. The truck finally got on the road in 2007.



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