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Model A Fords line up for the fall "East Side Tour" to Clark Rittersbach
Concours Classic Motorcars in Macedon, NY





From the Editor



Greetings to all Members,

As I edit this issue, our club is fresh off a fantastic East Side Tour planned by Joel Shaw. Thanks to Joel and Dayna and to Clark Rittersbach and son for an eye-opening visit to a remarkable restoration facility.

With a drive through foliage at its peak color and a comfortable lunch at the Log Cabin Restaurant, Lakeshore members went home with a lot to ponder. Joel prepared an article for this issue. See pages 4 and 6 for the article and pictures.

My son and I are continuing to assemble Model A parts from salvage. Dean's car is now a drivable chassis and he bought a 1930 Tudor body from Ron Ayers to put on the chassis. Paul Kron found me a running 1929 chassis and we hauled it home on his trailer. You can read about this stuff on page 7.

Thanks for all the help rendered by Lakeshore Club members who furnished material for this newsletter. You guys make this a "cushy" job. :>~

Fred Hauck

Upcoming Events;

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

November 9 Planning Meeting; Dish to Pass; Location at Boetcher Lodge, Pineway Ponds Park, Spencerport, NY ; Barrett's

November 1 Generator Seminar ; Nate Oaks and Dave Vanable at Oak's. Article repeated on page 3.

December No regular meeting

December 7 Christmas Party; Hawn's Burgundy Basin Party House, 1561 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY.
Reservations to the Hawns by December 1.

New members

Rick and Melissa Kelbe
PO Box 351
Fishers, NY 14453-0351
1925 Model T Ford Speedster
1930 Model A Ford Pick Up
1946 Willys CJ-2A
1976 Triumph Spitfire

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Lakeshore Christmas Party December 7, 2008

Burgundy Basin Party House
1561 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY.

Hosted by Al and Lois Hawn
Buffet style dinner at \$25 per person
1:30 to 4:30; Dine at 3:30

Gift exchange if you desire to participate
Reservations to the Hawn's by December 1.

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Director's Corner

By Dick Barrett

The weather at Hershey was perfect and when I got back, we had an excellent garage tour with good attendance for us all to enjoy (Thanks Joel and Dayna).

We've had a great year of many Model A events this year; fun with the cars and the people of our club. After another thank you to the officers and people who ran the events this year we need to turn our attention to 2009!

On November 9th at 12:00 we will have our annual meeting at Boetcher Lodge, Pineway Ponds Park, off Rt 259 North of Spencerport. Please let me know if you plan to attend and bring your ideas and a spirit of volunteering to the session. We'd like to continue this year's planned tech seminars with at least 4 more for 2009. What topics would you like to see for our monthly meetings? Is there interest in an over-nighter to the Adirondacks in 2009? How about a joint event with the Mohican and Niagara Regions? What are your ideas and what can you sign up to run? We will also have elections for officers for next year. Please consider running for office.

Don't forget the Christmas Party!

Thanks

November Planning Meeting

When: Sunday November 9th

Where: Boetcher Lodge, Pineway Ponds Park, on Route 259 North of Spencerport

What: 2009 Elections and Planning Meeting and old car storys.

Who: Everyone!!!! Please call Dick Barrett to let me know who's coming.

What to bring: A-M bring a side dish to pass. N-Z bring a dessert. Everyone bring plates and silverware. Club will provide Ham and cider to drink.

Lakeshore Model "A" Ford Club Financial Report September 2008

Balance brought forward 9/4/08	\$2014.39
Income:	
New membership (Kelbe)	\$25.00
Expenses:	
Stamps	\$8.40
Deposit for the Christmas party at Burgundy Basin	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$208.40
 New balance 10/7/08	 \$1830.99



Generator Technical Seminar Saturday November 1

Join Nate Oaks and Dave Vanable as they re-build Dave's generator that was not charging properly... a broken Brush Holder Insulator was part of the issue, and we'll see what else we can address while the unit is out of the car and disassembled. Realizing that some have gone to alternators in their cars, this is a chance to see how the generator can be tuned up to the way Henry made it!

Meet at Nate's - #2036 Pre-Emption Road (County Route 6) in Oaks Corners, NY - at 10am. We'll have some coffee and goodies for all to enjoy as we work in Nate's well-appointed workshop. Questions or RSVP (optional) to Dave Vanable, 585/615-6250 or dave@dawnwalk.com.

EAST SIDE GARAGE TOUR

By Joel R. Shaw

The morning of October 19th dawned as a very cold morning, around 30° F. What a difference a month makes! The first East Side Garage Run Tour last year was on September 16th, and was relatively quite a bit warmer than the end of October.

I got my truck out of the Carriage House “Barn” that I had built for the truck to live in. After a few “missed” attempts on the starter due to cold, hardened grease, the engine sputtered, fired to life, and ran enough to back the truck out and turn it around, facing the front yard. As the engine idled, more people arrived, and all agreed that the engine ran well even in the cold, which had risen to a shirts-off 35° F! Being a conservator of resources, and not wanting to waste any gas (read as cheap), I shut the truck off.

Shortly, the rest of the people arrived and were now mingling. So, at approximately 9:20 AM, we decided to get organized and leave. I got out the folding foot stool for Dayna (*matches my running boards!*) and got her situated. When I tried to start the truck, it turned over quite well (for awhile) but **IT WOULD NOT START!** Eventually, the battery wore down. During this time everyone had lined up, but no Joel and Dayna. Fred and Lea Hauck noticed a problem and were kind enough to offer us a ride. Even though the sun was shining, and there were four model A's in line, this was **NOT** what I had in mind for the day.

We had a very nice ride out through the Fairport/Penfield/Macedon countryside, and finally arrived at our destination, Clark Rittersbach's Concours Classic Motorcars building, a 30,000 Square-foot structure situated on 7-acres. The rest of the day went much better from that point! The combination Restoration Shop/Museum/Visitor's Center was awe-

somely overwhelming!! I have never seen such a variety of outstanding, rare upscale vehicles in my life. There were such rare treats as a 1916 American LaFrance Combination Pumper truck, a 1920 Dunbar Steam Powered Popcorn Wagon, a 1924 Amilcar, a 1929 Chrysler Dual Cowl Phaeton, a 1929 LaSalle Dual Cowl Phaeton, a 1931 Cadillac V-12 Roadster, a 1931 Cadillac V-12 Club Sedan, a 1931 Cadillac V-12 Phaeton a 1931 Cadillac V-16 Roadster, a 1934 Packard 12, as well as a nifty-neat time-warp (to me) 1950 Mercury Convertible.

After this mind blowing experience, which included coffee, donuts, and many good stories, we headed out for the Log Cabin Family Restaurant, where we had reservations. With a good meal and many more good conversations under our belts, we all dispersed for home or other destinations.

My shiny, nifty truck was waiting for me right where I had left it. (I had taken the keys.) Fred was kind enough to **CRANK START** the truck, as well as show me several very clever new tricks.

Special thanks goes to my wife Dayna for arranging this wonderful visit for us, as without her acquaintance with Clark Rittersbach's wife Gerry, this event never would have occurred.

WATCH FOR A FUTURE ARTICLE!!, for on this very day I got many good tips from Fred, Ed Barnhart, and Richard K. Barrett.



2008 Lakeshore Model A Club Planning Calendar 6/9/08 Update

Second Wednesday 7:30 Hawn's Need Dates Garage Only
Monthly Mtg. Food+Program Social/Driving Events Technical Seminars
Program/Person Responsible Event/Person Responsible Project/Person Responsible

November 1 Generator Seminar ; Nate Oaks and Dave Venable at Oak's.
Nov. 11/12 No Program/ Planning mtg. 2009 Planning Meeting/ elections
 11/9- Dish to Pass-

Dec. No Meeting- Christmas Christmas Party-Hawn's Dec 7
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Now is the time to begin to think about 2009 Events you would like to see the club do!

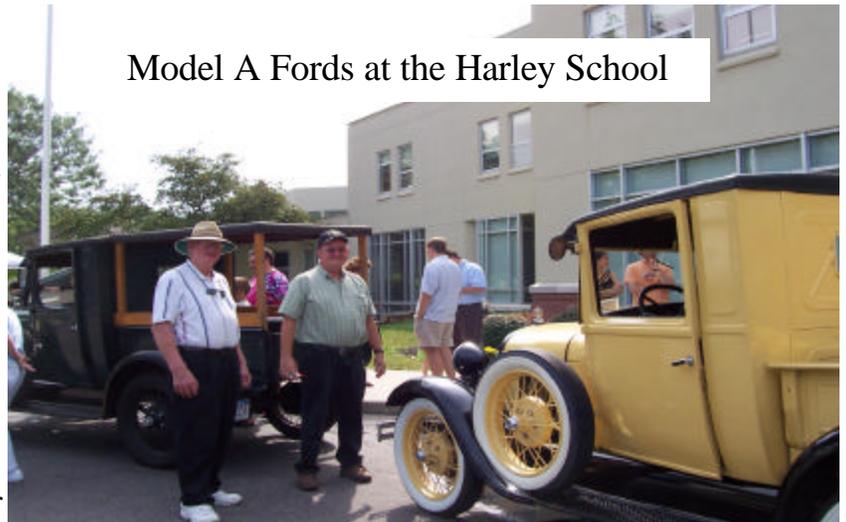
Model A's, Ice Cream, and Kids DO mix!

By Dave Venable

On a beautiful sunny early fall day, several folks from the club met for brunch and then headed over to The Harley School for some free ice cream, and to share our cars with the kids and families who were there for the school-opening Sundae Sunday. The Chapes, Haucks, Smiths, and Dave Venable met at Hicks and McCarthy in Pittsford for a very tasty brunch, talking cars and kids and all sorts of other topics. Next we headed the few short miles over to Harley on Clover, where we enjoyed jazz on the lawn, ice cream with all the fixins' and a tour of the school.

Many families came over to enjoy the cars (we chose to allow the kids into the cars which they REALLY appreciated), and one of the staff's dad drove up from Ithaca because he owns five As, and wanted to see our

cars and talk a bit. He and some friends are working to start a new club down Corning-Elmira way, so we talked about that for a bit as well. Perhaps next year he'll bring up a car, and hopefully next year the date won't conflict with the Glidden so that more Lakeshore folks can join us. Definitely a fun afternoon!



Model A Fords at the Harley School

For sale: Fenders

Front fenders \$150 each, Rear fenders \$100 each.

They are sanded and primed, need work.

Dick and Julie Vice
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More pictures of the Rittersbach Collection



Continuing Saga of Basket Model A

by Fred Hauck

What does that mean? In the last newsletter, I wrote about a Model A project, sometimes referred to as “basket case”. My son, Dean, is building a Model A from parts scattered about in my barn.

Now we can report the chassis is well on the way. Except for sheet metal, the chassis has most of what it needs. The brakes are done, and a temporary gas tank and cowl makes it possible to drive about the yard. The temporary radiator is from a 1930 AA Ford Truck.

Ron Ayers responded to my request for a body. We bought his 1930 Tudor body and chassis. The body will be for Dean and the chassis for me.

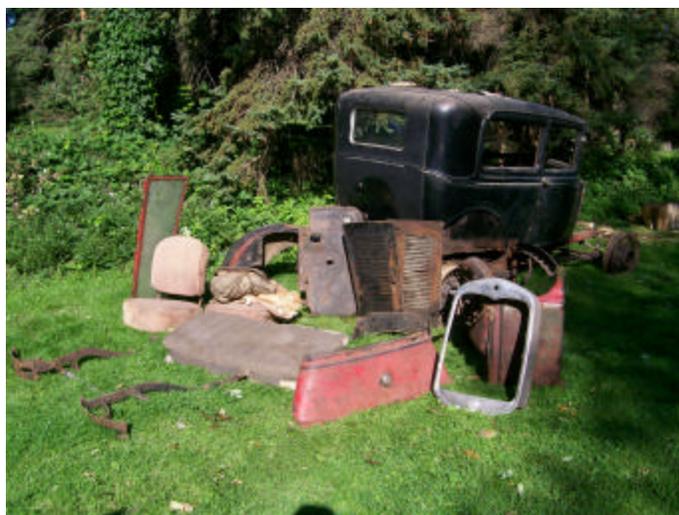
Pictures show the car on Paul Kron’s trailer, and after delivery surrounded by the loose parts. This is turning into a serious challenge. I wanted the extra chassis to build a doodlebug for my own back yard. Paul Kron made this a lot easier by telling me about a running chassis for sale in Bath, NY. That same day he hauled the 1929 chassis to my home. Obviously, I have to show you the Model A that will be my personal doodlebug.

The chassis I got from Ron Ayers was dismantled for storage and might be another doodlebug someday. We are removing parts from the body so it can be sand blasted, primed and patched up. New wood is needed above the windshield and front doors. The body is rusted through here and there.

Look for more in the next newsletter.



Tie it down for the trip home



Dean will need splash aprons, radiator and 19 inch wheels

Dean’s chassis getting a test drive



My “new” Doodlebug in the foreground



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