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## Our trip to the Carousel Museum In North Tonawanda (Buffalo), NY



See page 4 for the complete details.

# From the Editor



Hello all you club members

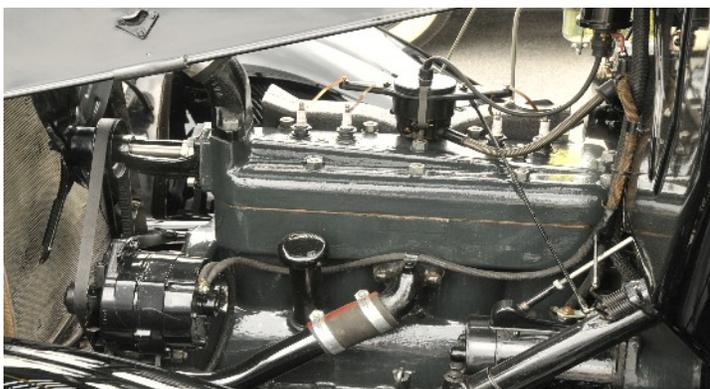
As I write this column at the end of June the weather has finally started to act like it should. The temperature today was 91.

I have had my Model A Coupe and my 1960 Thunderbird out to the many cruise in's around the area and made new friends along the way. To me this is what the old car hobby is all about.

How about all of you? Get those cars out, join the fun, record your adventures and put some mileage on your Model A's while the weather is good. Unfortunately in this part of the country time is short.

In this issue I have covered the events from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. The next issue will contain all the news on the summer of 2013. I hope it is a good one for all.

Lets get started - Happy Model Aing to all.



## Upcoming Events

Club 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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## Notice

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## Director's Corner - Tony Caruso



Our tradition of enjoying our "A"s was celebrated by a fine drive and tour to the Carousel Museum in Tonawanda on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The day started with some members experiencing terrible rain just getting to Brockport to begin the tour. By the time we began to travel, the sun appeared and it was a beautiful spring day. A wonderful, informative guided tour about the history of how carousel animals came to be made there, and are still being made there, was presented with much detail. Memories of when we were younger and had our first ride on a carousel came rushing back as we rode the carousel there. A fine end to the day was celebrated with supper at the Shimshack Resturant overlooking Lake Ontario. You could just make out the CN tower in Toronto if you looked hard enough through the haze. Many of the members had been there in the past and recalled that the food was still very good. Many thanks to Paul Kron for organizing and leading the "A" event.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> Dick Chape hosted a "Pass It On" seminar. Both he and Fred Hauck were installing roofs on their vehicles. While the men were busy(?) working at this, several of the wives gather to socialize and share the tales of their husbands efforts. The club is blessed with members who so graciously and willingly give of their time to pass on many pointers to make the restoration process go smoothly(?), most of the time, and successfully!

I have been in contact with the Corvette Club as they prepared to put on their "Wheels In Motion" car show which replaces our traditional show. There is mixed feeling in their club, as well as our club, about our relinquishing our show to them. Who knew that Rochester had a monsoon season that started June 1 and continued through the month to June 29, the date of the show. The City of Rochester canceled all the events scheduled for Ontario Park that day. Better luck next year.

Several events are scheduled for July and **you need to reply if you will be attending.**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** A Picnic - Dick & Julie Vice 315-597-0060 for details

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** Brewery Tour - Call Bud Sherry 585-293-1842 for for details.

**July 19-21** Little Falls trip – Dave Vanable 585-615-6250 for for details

I would like to have a brief business meeting at the picnic to plan for the coming months. PLEASE bring your ideas and concerns for discussion. Thank you to everyone who has worked and continues to work to make the Lakeshore Model A Club a success.

**The past is the foundation of where we have been, the present is living what has been planned the fullest and the future is an active destination being planned.**

Peace and Thanks, Tony.

# A Trip to Ride a Horse

On a cold and rainy May 15<sup>th</sup> morning 29 intrepid Model A Club members under the guidance of Paul Kron set off for the Carousel Museum in North Tonawanda, NY. At the end of an uneventful trip we arrived at the museum and ate our box lunches in a large meeting room around a small childrens Carousel. When we finished our gourmet dinners we had an orientation on the history of the company with a demonstration of the fine art of Merry-go-Round horse carving and how the music was produced. Completing a visit to their museum we then were treated to a ride on a full size carousel complete with music. By this time the weather had greatly improved for the rest of the tour.

After a good time was had by all we headed toward our second stop, an old time antique store. Many of us made the owner a bit richer by purchasing some of his treasurers. Jim and Maryann came out with a small end table.

Next stop was dinner at the Shimshack restaurant. The meal was delicious. The view out the large window was one of Lake Ontario in the distance. It was said that on a clear day you can see Toronto. Another good time was had by all.

When we left I could not help but noticing a car parked in two spaces (see photo). It turned out that it belonged to non-other than our illustrious director Tony Carouso. Tony, what were you thinking when you preformed that feat.



How not to park a car.

## **The Car Show that wasn't**

All was ready to go. The trophy was prepared. The cars were registered, all the details were finally worked out.

Then the fickle finger of fate intervened. Mother nature decided to reward us with one of her specialties, a downpour. It continued all night and when the show was ready to start, the end of the rain was nowhere in sight. After much discussion with the park authorities it was decided to cancel the show. It was scheduled to be on the grass and the grass was under water. Hopefully it will be a better day next year. At least our trophy will be ready if there is a show.



Even Corvettes do not rate good weather. They make poor boats.

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### **Lakeshore Model A Club - Annual Picnic**

Date: Saturday, July 6, 2013 - 10:30 till...

Place: Dick & Julie Vice's Home - 3163 Leroy Rd. - Palmyra, NY

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### **Good Beer - Good Food - Historic Location**

Wednesday, July 17th 2013 at 12 noon or 12:45pm we will meet at the door of the Genesee Brew House which is located at the end of Cataract Street. Cataract St. is the first street south of the Genesee Brewery off St. Paul Street. Be there at 12 noon if you want to tour the micro brewery and have a beer tasting experience. At 12:45 we will request tables for lunch. You must be 21 years old to be served beer. If needed be sure to bring proof. Those who only want lunch, should be on the steps of the building by 12:45. Be sure to call the tour director Bud Sherry at 293-1842 if you plan to be there for lunch. To get there go south on St. Paul St. from the Keeler St. Expressway or the Driving Park Bridge or the Smith St. bridge. Do not try to go into the city or go north on St. Paul St. The bridge on the inner loop is scheduled to be closed. There will probably be congestion and detours in the city.

# Topping off some tops at Dick Chapes

June 15<sup>th</sup> was a good day for Dick Chape's and Fred Houck's Model A's as they received a new top courtesy of some of the clubs members. It all started about 9am at the Chape residence with a great breakfast put on by Pam consisting of muffins, fruit, and of course, coffee and doughnuts.



After that the men all then ventured out to the back forty and Dicks Man Cave to get down to some serious work while the girls stayed behind for some serious socializing. The two cars were moved to the work area. Fred's was a tow job as he had not started the inside work yet.

As the photos below show all the work was a joint effort proving that many hands make easy work. We broke for lunch about 1:15 pm to a delicious feed put on by Pam and the girls consisting of Italian Sloppy Joe's or as the natives call them Messy Giuseppes, a salad and to top everything off, Blueberry Kuchen for desert. After lunch it was back to work.



The Supervisor



Looks like a government job - one worker and three watchers.



Chow Time

## MacBrides Pride - A car story by Jim MacBride



Our 1929 Ford Model A Tudor: We acquired our Model A in 1975 from Bill Barlow (Leroy) who was also restoring a 1929 Rolls Royce. He needed the "Model A" money to get hides for the Rolls seat. Harry Patch, now deceased, was an early Lakeshore member and found the car for us. It still needed wiring and a radiator. When we purchased the Model A, Bill said he had two welded fenders if I was interested. We were.

Bill and his buddy Doug Susat brought them to our house and we installed them in our garage. That is when the trunk rack and trunk were added (not original materials) but it did the job, especially with two young children (ages 7 & 4). Plenty of room for toys, oil, water, a crank, a jack and jackstand, some tools, etc.

On one of our first solo trips, we broke down out in the Holly NY area, near an airport. With no cars in sight (and no cell phones back then), kids wondering how we would get home, and Ann Marie wondering what ever possessed me to buy this car, we saw a car coming. Within minutes, a Model A Ford driven by Joe and Fran Ciccolene (also Lakeshore members) pulled up to check out the problem. I really didn't know the difference between a gas cap and a spark plug at that point. (Within 10 years we knew!). Joe quickly diagnosed the problem and asked if we had an extra "condenser" with us.-NO, but we had a bottle opener!! Of course, Joe had a spare and he promptly installed it. With "Thanks" we were on our way. Over the years we got to know Joe and Fran well and had bought 2 condensers-one for him and a spare for us.

Our next memorable event was driving in a Chili parade and meeting Joan and Paul Heaney (also Lakeshore members) and their Model A. This resulted in a life long friendship and the MacBride's becoming members of the Lakeshore Model A Ford Club. We still enjoy using the 29 Ford in the annual "Chil-i Fest" Parade on the 4th of July.

A few other memorable events included backing the Model A into Ann Marie's cousin's car in our driveway. They were from Wisconsin and I (Jim) couldn't figure out what they were even doing here much less have a car in our driveway. Many years later, shortly after having a cast removed from a repaired broken ankle, (Jim) again put a dent in the old girl. "My foot slipped off the clutch and, with a hilly driveway, was stopped by a very large tree".

The "old girl" needs some repair and restoration BUT so do the owners. We have enjoyed our Model A and especially the friends made through the Lakeshore Club.

# LAKESHORE MODEL A FORD CLUB - 2103 CALENDAR

Call the host for complete details.

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	TIME	HOST
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY				
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY	Carousel Museum	5/28/13	9am	Paul Kron
JUNE	Car Show Charlotte Beach	6/29/2013 Rained Out	9am	Joel Shaw
JULY	Annual Picnic <hr/> Over night Trip <hr/> Brewery Tour	<hr/> 7/6/2013 <hr/> 7/19 - 7/21 <hr/> 7/17	10:30 to ..... <hr/> Eat at Noon <hr/> Info to follow <hr/> 12 Noon	<hr/> Dick and Julie Vice <hr/> Dave Vanable <hr/> 615/6250 <hr/> See Page 5
AUGUST	Open			
SEPTEMBER	Trip to Finger Lakes Steamers	???	???	Nate Oaks
OCTOBER	Open			
NOVEMBER	Planning Meeting	???	???	Tony Caruso
DECEMBER	Christmas Party	12/14/2013	???	Jim and AnnMarie MacBride

# Officers

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at various locations. Refreshments are usually served and a Model A Technical Seminar sometimes follows the meeting. Further information is provided as the date gets closer and on the activity chart in this issue.

## TREASURERS REPORT

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

**Balance brought forward 4/17/13  
 \$3,172.22**

### Income:

Membership dues (Hawn,  
 Wentworth, T. Smith, Thomas) \$100.00

### Expenses:

Pancake breakfast \$145.35

New balance 6/25/13 \$3,126.87

Respectfully Submitted  
 Sue Smith - Treasurer

## NATIONAL CLUBS

Model "A" Restorers Club

6721 Merriman Road

Garden City, MI 48135

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Club magazine, Model "A" News

[www.modelford.org](http://www.modelford.org)

US Membership dues \$38.00

<http://modelarestorers.org/main/images/>

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LaHabra, CA 90631

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Toll-free: 1-888-2MODELA

Club Magazine, The Restorer.

[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)

US Membership dues \$40.00

<http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Forms/>

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