

Meadowlark Model A Ford Club

Meadowlark Model A Ford Club, Omaha, NE

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Meadowlark Model A Club Newsletter

President's Message

As you read this, we are hot and heavy into the Regional Meet, sharing a lot of fun activities that our

Howard Denker,
President



meet committee has planned and making the last minute arrangements for the Ford Show on June 12. A lot of planning

effort has gone into making the next week as much fun as possible for our members and Model "A" guests. I hope every member takes advantage of at least a portion of the activities planned. Our monthly meeting is the evening of June 12, by that time most of us will probably be pretty much Model



"A"-ed out, so I will try to keep the meeting short and there will be no formal tech talk. Instead, we will take a few minutes to discuss what really went well at the meet and the Ford show and what things we might do better in the future. Please check out the sign-up sheets. We have several fun activities planned for the next few months, plus several chances to try out new and seasoned restaurants. We are working on two...
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PASSING CARS

Editor's Corner

I'm writing this from a different safe house each month, as the angry mobs of readers keep

finding me. Don't shoot the piano player—he's doing the best he can!

You can write the editor at:

ModelA@swordpoint.com and send your input. Alternatively, you can call Joe at (402) 201-2067.

Each month's issue will be

mailed around the first Friday of each month, give-or-take a couple of weeks...

Joe Greenleaf

Editor

"Married men can live longer than single men—they just don't want to."

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We Headed for the (Chalco) Hills



Annual Pancake Feed and Safety Check

The annual Pancake feed was held on May 23rd at the Chalco Hills Recreation Area. The breakfast was well-attended. Lee Hendrix and Ed Jankowski did such a great job on the grill that the pancakes disappeared at a new record rate. They were eaten so fast that, even with good planning, we ran out of

food at the end. There was plenty of good food and lots of good company. Very few cars had a safety check run, however. We did have a new young couple attend, whose name I have misplaced. They brought their newly-acquired 1930 Coupe. They were

not aware of the safety check, but requested that we check out their coupe. We crawled all over, but *Continued, page 3*



Great Food! Great Entertainment!



On June 10th, as part of our Omaha 2010 Regional meet we are celebrating the "Fifties" with a super Fifties night dinner and entertainment package. A dinner buffet and root beer floats will be served at the Millard Social Hall prepared by the folks from the leg-

endary Eddie's Cafe followed by an evening of entertainment starring: Billy McGuigan, a nationally recognized singer and actor. Many of you will remember the spectacular Buddy Holly tribute at the Omaha Community Playhouse in which Mr. McGuigan starred.

Usually, Regional Meet events are open only to those who have registered for the meet. However, we are going to make an exception for this exceptional show. *Continued, page 3*



Under the Seat

You find some strange things under the seat.

Most of you know you can use a vintage Nebraska license plate on your car in lieu of the issued historic vehicle plate: just have it recorded at the County Treasurer and get a

sticker for it. The only requirement is that the number cannot be in use currently.

Did you know you can legally display only *one* such antique plate? Even though two were issued in 1928-31, you can run the historic tag

at the rear and something else in the front. "Repeal the 18th Amendment"?

As for Iowa...???



Great Food! *continued*

We are fairly certain we will have tickets available for non-registrants. If you have registered for the meet, you may invite friends and family to join you at this event. The cost for non-registrants is \$30 for an evening of great entertainment and food.

Contact Bob and Mary McKinney (402-332-3993) if you're interested in attending.

For those of you who've been in Libya, the Regional Meet will be June 7 to 11.

Event information is online at [\[larks.omahaneb.org/2010\]\(http://larks.omahaneb.org/2010\) or call Don & Janet Graves at 402-453-7166.](http://meadow-</p></div>
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WILL GET YOU A GLIMPSE



Pancakes, *continued*

...not under it, because



of my sore back. We were able to point out a few things that needed some attention and answered several questions that they had about their car. I sure hope they decide to join our club,

as I believe they would be a real, positive addition. They both seem to really enjoy their Model "A" Coupe. I understand that this is not the only Model "A" iron that they have.
—Howard Denker
(More pix, p 6—Ed.)

Food Fest!



Want Ads

Members can post free ads to sell, trade or list items they want to buy. To list, contact Joe Greenleaf at

or by phone, (402) 201-2067.

For Sale

'31 Roadster, \$16,500, '31 Slant Window, \$19,500, '31 Vickie, \$16,500. Call Tony, (712) 322-8265

Wanted

1931 Iowa license plates. Call Doug, (712) 712-533-6183 (H) or (712) 540-0380 (Cell)



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Saving Your Assets on eBay, Chapter 1

OK, OK, the 500 extra small gaucho trousers you bought on eBay probably wasn't the best investment. But...aren't there all kinds of Model A's, parts, accessories and goodies on eBay?

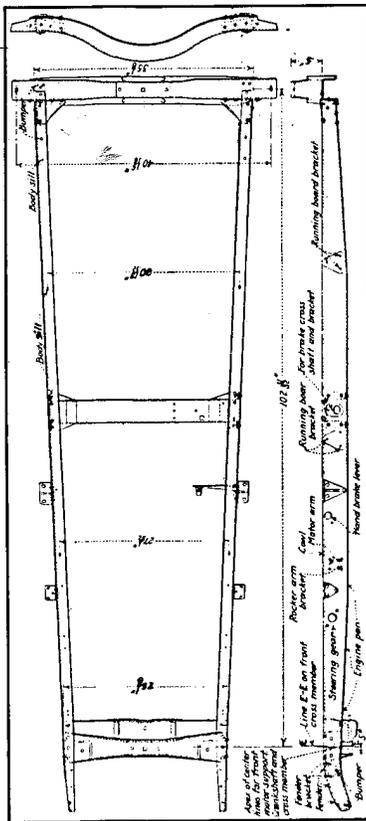
Yes...with a kindly word of caution.

Joe's Rule #1: Don't bid during the auction. What? Don't bid???

Correctamundo, Buffalo Bob. "Live bidding" drives up the price, allows the seller to have his buddies (or himself) bid against you to drive up the bid and you telegraph to

one and all that the carburetor cam you're bidding on is worth something.

Use sniping software to bid your highest amount. Within seconds of the end of the auction, your bid goes in and you win! I use bidnapper.com myself.



"I Wuz Framed!"

Specifications of Model A and AA frames:

Material—pressed steel

Thickness of material—5/32 inch

Sidemembers—Length—113 7/16 inches

Width—1 3/4 inches

Depth—4 inches

AA Frame:

Thickness—7/32 inch

Length—Short wheelbase—(early) A-5005-B—171 5/16 inches

(late) A-5005-B—169 13/16 inches

Long frame A-5005-D—181 5/16 inches

Long wheelbase—A-5008—210 3/8 inches

Depth—Short wheelbase—6 inches

Width—2 3/4 inches

Long wheelbase—7 inches

"The first step in inspection of the Model A Frame is to check for straightness and alignment of the rails and crossmembers.

This is accomplished by measuring the frame diagonally with a tape measure and comparing the measurements.

The most difficult damage to identify is vertical twisting of the frame members."

"Restorer's Model A Shop Manual," by Jim Schild, 1985





June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Regional Meet. See website for more info.	8 Regional Meet. See website for more info.	9 Regional Meet. See website for more info.	10 Regional Meet. See website for more info.	11 Regional Meet. See website for more info.	12 Benson Ford Show. Club Meeting 7:30 pm
13	14	15	16	17 Gurney's Restaurant, Missouri Valley, 6:45 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Burma-Shave



Burma-Shave signs are as much a part of antique car memories as Route 66. They were on the sides

of roads in all states, except New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada, from 1925-1963. The signs you see in this issue are the Genuine

Article.

Plans are to include a set in each issue, if there's interest. —*Ed.*



Membership Information

Membership dues for the Meadowlark Club are \$24.00 per year, prorated monthly for new members. Membership in one of the national clubs is required. You may join both national clubs if you wish. MAFCA dues are \$40.00 per year and MARC dues are \$38.00 per year.

Prospective Members: Please call Membership Chairman, Don Graves, (402) 453-7166, for more information.

Club web address: <http://meadowlarks.omahaneb.org>

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President's Message, *Continued*

Driving tours, one local and one over the weekend, plus a visit to a toy museum, as well as a hands-on tech talk. All of these items will be addressed in more detail at the next meeting.

Howard Denker



Meadowlark members are ready and willing to help you—just ask!

Millinery, Model "A" Style

Hats were very much in style in the Model "A" era—everyone wore them, men, women and children.



Millinery stores—"hat shops"—were in most towns of any size and no well-dressed woman would go out for any event without both her hat and gloves. Re-

member the glove departments in department stores, with rows of leather, lace and cloth gloves for the stylish woman of the day?

When you're looking in antique stores and second hand shops for hats and gloves, try to first do some research to ensure that the particular style was *current* in 1928-1931, the Model A era. You wouldn't want

to wear something that's 10-20 years out-of-date today so why wear a hat that was first seen in, say, 1915, in your 1929 Model A!

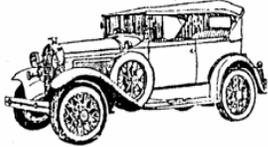
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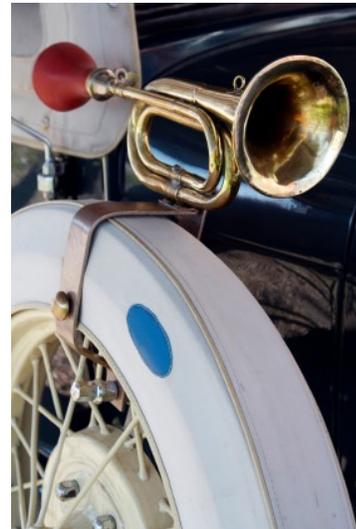
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This is the official publication of the Meadowlark Chapter of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). This monthly newsletter is mailed to members, prospective members and editors of similar publications. Its purpose is to keep you informed about what has taken place and to remind you of future activities.



Members may publish, at no cost, ads for items wanted, for sale or trade. They are also invited to submit technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits. Material should reach the editor by the last Saturday of the month.

Monthly Meetings: Second Saturday of each month (except January) at 7:30 PM at the Douglas County Health Center— in the Town Hall, 42nd & Woolworth Ave., Omaha, Nebraska.



Meadowlark Model A Club

June 2010

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2010 Officers

President: Howard Denker, 402-333-1393
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Ed Jankowski, 402-558-7679
Bob McKinney, 402-332-3993
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Film at Eleven

Since our avowed purpose is to “spread the word” about Model A Fords, get new members and educate owners about Model A’s, I plan to videotape upcoming events, Tech Talks and various other function and photogenic events and have them available both in the Club’s Library (on DVD) as well as making them available on YouTube.



If the general consensus in the Club is to *not* do this, then let me know and I’ll scrap the idea.

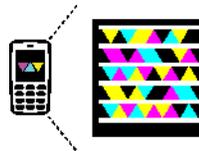
None of us (except Lloyd) plan on living forever, so it would be nice to be able to archive clubmembers’ knowledge, stories, information, cars and the like for posterity.

Although my camera has the technology to make good movies, don’t presume that this automatically passes to the cameraman!

If others have movies they want to include on the YouTube page, pass them along and I’ll upload them.

The YouTube name is MeadowlarkModelA.

—Ed.



OK, OK—we give up. What is it? “It” is a new barcode from our good friends at Microsoft. Well, from Microsoft, anyway. If you have a “smart” phone (and, believe me, my phone is smarter than me) you can take a picture of the barcode and it will open our Club’s webpage on your phone’s web browser.

You can get the free app for your phone from <http://gettag.mobi>

If you open up the app from your phone’s browser, it will recognize the type of phone. —Joe Greenleaf

