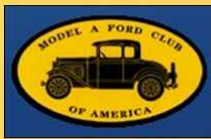


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HENRY SAID . . .

*"Coming together is a
beginning; keeping
together is progress;
working together
is success."*

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WINDSHIELD ADVENTURES

- PART II -

By RICH VOLKMER

Earlier this year, we discussed the ways and means of freeing up a solidly-rusted-together windshield hinge by soaking the hinge rail in a homemade trough of acid baths after disassembling the frame and removing the old glass.

Once our stuck hinge swiveled again, thoughts turned toward restoring, refinishing, and finally reassembling the windshield frame with fresh glass. New safety glass was particularly important in the case of our 1931 Pickup because it had common plate glass in it.

With help from Ken Ehrenhofer, we completed refurbishing the windshield frame with sandblasting and fresh paint. Ken bedded in the new safety glass and reassembled the frame with fresh gaskets and used two new "wavy" mitre corner brackets because the old ones broke during disassembly. One fine day, he appeared at our shop and behold, there was a windshield ready to install. The hinge swiveled very nicely, so we lubed it with light oil to keep that motion going for a good long time in the future.

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Barb Weiser brought her 1930 Murray Fordor Town Sedan over from the Salt Creek Chapter Club.

Naperville Father's Day Carshow

By ED DANLEY

Jim Forni, Ken Jagodzinski and Ed Danley showed up early at the Tasty Bisquit rendezvous to have breakfast and then headed over to the Downtown Naperville Father's Day Car Show on Saturday, June 14th. Right after arrival, Rick Burgermeister joined the Naper A's contingent. Barb Weiser, from the Salt Creek A's, had beat us there.

The number of all cars seemed down this year, but all drivers certainly enjoyed themselves. Weather conditions were cool, cloudy, dry, and breezy.

Some "No Kings" protesters, carrying their signs, showed up around 9:45 but everything remained civil. As the morning wore on, other protesters gradually showed up which turned into a very nice crowd looking at our cars. Around 10:45 the planned protesters started heading over to the Municipal center. Cars began leaving around then, but our Model A folks hung around until about 11:10. By that time there were lots of people milling around and heavy traffic meant that it took a while to retreat from the downtown area.

Overall it was a good event, with lots of people asking about our Model A's. Barb from the Salt Creek Chapter said they are planning a Car Show in Oak Brook in August and will invite the Naper A's.



PRESIDENTIAL RIDE, IN ITS NORMAL POSE

2025 SAFETY CHECK

Story & Photos by RICH VOLKMER

The Naper A's gathered for their Annual Safety Check on April 26th at Jeff Carstens garage in Warrenville and thoroughly inspected over, under, and around seven cars. A final report of suggested repairs and corrections was issued to each car owner. Tom Eklund kindly allowed the use of his lift, and Jeff provided coffee and refreshments.



2025 Pancreatic Cancer Walk Coming Up July 13th

Story and Photos By RAY McMAHON

There is another Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Walk coming up soon on Sunday morning, July 13, 2025, and we hope for a maximum Naper A's turnout with our cars. Last year, our Model A's were displayed at the event once again, and "Team Fred" raised over \$1,000 plus more from our Facebook postings. Lindy Williams had the honor of cutting the ribbon at the starting gate for the Walk and over 600 people participated. Our Club has supported the event since 2016.

It's easy for you to participate in this year's Walk, just follow the link below and sign up for "Team Fred" for the Naper A's:

<http://hope.lustgarten.org/fundraisers/raymcmahon>



As usual every year, the event will begin in the regular place at the Riverwalk Grand Pavilion behind the VFW on Jackson Street. If you go down the VFW driveway you will be guided into a special parking area reserved exclusively for the Naper A's to park their Model A's!





Final Note: Be patient with yourself. Nothing in nature blooms all year!

LADIES CORNER

By DIANE PETRIK

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!



JULY:

Karen Volkmer 7/13
Melody Danley 7/25

AUGUST:

Clare Fields 8/8
Matt Hoch 8/9
Kay Kiser 8/15
Rich Burgermeisters 8/17

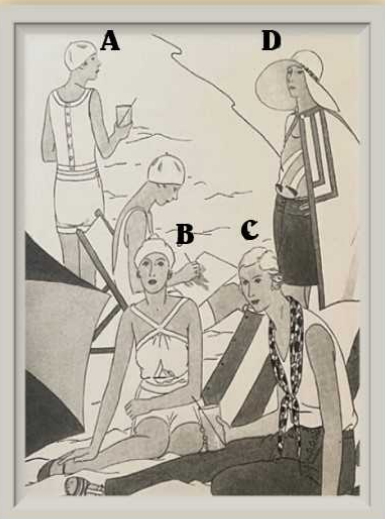
SEPTEMBER:

Linda Rigatos 9/5
Ed Czapryna 9/21
Linda Williams 9/29
Robin Weaver 9/29

After a prolonged drought when the rain finally came, all the animals in the forest were happy except the Kangaroo. When the others asked him what the reason was for such sadness, the Kangaroo revealed that the rain meant that all its kids would now be playing inside.



Maggiano's Summer Luncheon: April, 24, 2025
Sue Jagodzinski, Linda Rigatos, Cathy Skinner, Diane Petrik, Linda Czapryna, Cheryl Egert, Doris Hedl.



Summer Suits

(A) A suit of white jersey with buttons down the back.
(B) A white jersey suit, backless with a revealing front, the hat is a wool beret.
(C) A blue jersey sailor trousers & white silk blouse with striped canvas sandals.
(D) The rough straw hat has multi-colored streamers; the cape is of monks-cloth and the suit has an orange jersey top and black taffeta trunks.

Model A Days are coming up on September 19 & 20, 2025 so get your room reserved to stay for the weekend. It promises to be a really exciting event, especially this year! And don't forget to enter the Sweepstakes for a chance to win the 1928 Ford Model A 4-door Phaeton! (Maffi.org and then click on Expansion).



Welcome To "Newbies" Matt & Brittany Hoch



APPLE FRITTERS

INGREDIENTS:

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| ¼ cup sugar | 2 tablespoons melted butter |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1½ cups diced apples (about 2 medium apples) |
| ¼ teaspoon salt | |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | For the Glaze: |
| ¼ teaspoon nutmeg | 1 cup powdered sugar |
| ½ cup milk | 2-3 tablespoons milk |
| 2 large eggs | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |

Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon & nutmeg. In another bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, vanilla, and melted butter. Stir the wet mixture into the dry ingredients until just combined. Gently fold in the diced apples. Drop spoonfuls of batter onto the baking sheet, shaping into small mounds. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until golden and a toothpick comes out clean. While fritters bake, whisk together powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla to make the glaze. Let fritters cool slightly, then drizzle or dip in glaze.

Wednesday Lunch On The Road



Story by STEVE PAUL

Photos by ED DANLEY & RICH VOLKMER

Because the Naper A's always gather for lunch on Wednesdays, and the weather has been so nice this Spring, we decided to take our luncheon on the road on June 11th. We gathered at the Warren Tavern in Warrenville that morning and launched at 11:00 AM for a 45-minute drive westward, taking 10 Model A's up Winfield Road to Purnell Road, Route 59 to Gary's Mill Road and then on to Roosevelt Road and Fabian Parkway to find Hughes Road. Our destination was at the end of a long and winding road, the summit of Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve in Kane County.

Everyone brought their own lunch, to be enjoyed in an open air park shelter. Our event hosts were Wayne Jergensen and Paul Safransky, who organize the Second Wednesdays of June, July, and August for "Auto Picnic" visits by the collectible car community. So, that day our Model A Ford contingent enjoyed the company of a '52 Hudson Hornet, a '48 Ford F-1 Pickup, a Model T, a '29 Cadillac and a '30 Lincoln. The weatherman furnished us with sunny driving conditions and we all got home safely after having a more-interesting-than-usual Wednesday lunch On



WINDSHIELD ADVENTURES *Continued from Page 1*

Turning attention to the wooden header above the windshield, we first repaired and replaced all bad wood to make sure that all ten screws that fasten the long hinge at the top of the windshield had some meat to bite into. Before, the windshield not only wouldn't pivot because of the frozen hinge, but it also hung too low and hit the gas cap. Why that happened was readily apparent, because there were only three screws (out of ten) holding the windshield up in place.

Ken took careful measurements and ensured that the curved bottom rail had the correct arch in it to clear the gas cap. He explained that some old windshield frames get distorted when the glass bedding fails and the windshield becomes loose and free to bounce around inside the frame. Up-and-down blows from bouncy rides can bend the bottom rail downwards. When the arch of that bottom rail flattens out, it creates interference with the gas cap when rotated outward. Fortunately, our frame was still within specs, so he used the old glass as a template to have a new one cut and the curved bottom rail fitted up perfectly to the new glass.

Finally came the day when friends Ray McMahon and Rick Burgermeister came by to help hoist the new windshield assembly into place. We put a moving blanket over the cowl and radiator rods, then a large 8" tall cardboard box to help take some weight while it was being installed. You need two people outside to hold up the windshield and a third person inside the car to fasten it upward. They held the assembly in place while I climbed inside the car to run in the ten wood screws. Before installing the fasteners, we ran a nice bead of silicone caulk along the hinge to make a gasket.

The result was a perfectly-fitting, smoothly rotating windshield that snugged down nicely against its gaskets.

The only part left to do was installing the swing arms that govern the opening rotation and allow the windshield to be adjusted as desired. There are threaded studs projecting out from the body on each side, which need a flat washer, and a thin rubber first, then the arm, followed by the special cup washer with a rubber washer insert, and finally the big round chrome knob that tightens down the whole assembly. On the windshield end, where the swing arm attaches and pivots, there is only a small machine screw with a big head on it that needs a couple drops of Loctite to keep it in place. It tightens down on the shoulder of its threaded insert to allow free pivoting. This final assembly has the sliding swing arms straight forward-and-aft to avoid any binding.

I never could find much information for this type of project in any of the literature. The step-by-step sequence of events for the entire project is as follows:

- Remove the slide arms from the windshield and body, keeping track of the hardware order.
- Remove the ten wood screws holding the windshield in place to the wooden header.
- With the windshield laying on a blanket on the bench, remove the fastener machine screws on the top corners.

- With a wood block and mallet, carefully tap the top rail upward, pulling out the wavy corner mitre brackets. If brittle, they may break and require finding new ones.
- The short side rails and curved bottom rail will remain together all in one piece.
- Slide out the old glass and set it aside for later use as a template to have new safety glass cut.
- Clean out all the old hardened perimeter gasket material and glass bedding material.
- Sandblast and paint the separated frame parts.
- If the hinge is rusted shut, it can be freed up with soaking in cheap muriatic acid in a long tray put together from plastic gutter parts.
- Slide in the newly-cut safety glass into the three stationary sides with bedding, then tap the hinged top rail down to meet them with a wood block and mallet.
- Use the concealed L-shaped wavy corner brackets to tie the corners together tightly at the top.
- Fasten the top rail to those concealed corner brackets with small special flathead machine screws.
- Trim all protruding bedding material around all four sides of the of the assembled frame on both sides using a razor blade.
- Lubricate the hinge with light oil.
- Inside the car, make sure that the header wood is sound and repair if needed.
- Have helpers hold the windshield in place on each side of the vehicle for installation while a third person inside the car installs the 10 wood screws that secure the windshield hinge to the header.
- Apply silicone caulking to the face of the hinge while installing.
- Make sure the windshield swings freely and clears the gas cap.
- Re-install the swing arms onto the body studs with a metal washer first, then a thin rubber washer, then the swing arm, then a thick rubber washer held by a cupped metal washer, and finally a large round lock-down knob.
- Use a drop or two of Loctite when mounting the pivot screw at the windshield to keep it from coming loose.
- When all is done properly, the windshield should swing in and out freely, gliding along on the swing arms until locked down.
- Original swing arms only had a single notch to engage at lockdown, but some aftermarket swing arms have extra positioning detents to hold the windshield farther out.

At this point, you should be able to enjoy a weatherproof fresh windshield that pivots outward effortlessly!

The MAFFI Mechanics

Story By KEN EHRENHOFFER

Photos By ALAN PETRIK

The MAFFI MECHANICS is a new volunteer group dedicated to serving the Model A Ford Foundation. Last year, at Model A Days, we had some trouble with two vehicles being used to give rides to visitors. The yellow school bus was not running well, and the AA huckster truck was not running at all. In fact, it had never run since it came to the museum!

The local Model A Club, the Grape Country A's, do much of the work in and around the Museum and it came to our attention that these guys were in work overload! Can you just imagine trying to keep a dozen Model A's running in top notch shape while also trying to make sure the new addition gets built and many other tasks all get accomplished? It became obvious that the Grape Country guys and gals needed some help! So how could we best lend a hand to this group and what could be done to assist them in their tasks?

Keeping Model A's running well is the focus of every Region and Chapter of both MARC and MAFCA, so we spoke to John Begg (President of MAFFI), Jerry Dennany, (the Museum Manager), and Dan Cargo (the Assistant Museum Manager) to discuss creating the MAFFI Mechanics Group. The plan was to conduct a series of three-day work sessions to bring Museum vehicles up to good running and safe driving condition.

Reviewing 12 vehicles, a parts order was placed and three new batteries were purchased. For the first session, Ron Ehrenhofer Wally Wiesner, and myself came in from the MARC Illinois Region and Gene Egert, Alan Petrik, And Bob Verrando showed up from the Naper A's MAFCA Chapter along with a couple of Grape country guys. We all came together at the MAFFI Museum in the Gilmore complex to have fun working on some very interesting Model A's!

The amount of work accomplished was truly amazing! The yellow bus ("Huff & Puff") needed a lot of work including the removal of a gas tank and a tachometer and going back to the way Henry Ford did it with the original simple gravity gas tank. It was running well before the end of the first day. The AA Huckster was made to run and many gas bowls on other vehicles were cleaned out. All vehicles received oil changes and grease jobs and all tires were filled with air. In the evening, we enjoyed some cold beer and great food at Ned's on Gull Lake. The camaraderie was wonderful with all these Model A Friends and we all parted looking forward to meeting again at Gilmore to work on our favorite vehicles.

Since our first session, there has been a second visit, but we are still looking for a few good men! If you're interested in joining the MAFFI MECHANICS, please contact Jerry Dennany at 269-366-9505 or if you have any questions give a call to Ken Ehrenhofer at 630-697-3906.



A Word From Gene Egert... **THE PREZ SAYS...**



— organized program is unique to the Naper A's and is a FREE essential membership benefit.

The Club has also joined teams with Ken Ehrenhofer to work on the Model A's owned and displayed up at the National Model A Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, as part of the Gilmore Auto Museum complex. This Museum support group is always looking for more help, which usually involves several days of interesting work with overnight stays near the Museum. We car pool up there, and so far have done two such trips, resulting in getting the Museum's School Bus "Huff & Puff" back on the road along with several other Model A's that were otherwise just static displays. It's been a lot of fun working with several other Model A clubs in this group effort to maintain these cars. So, if you wish to partake in the camaraderie, call me to get put on the list for helping and I will send a E-mail to the group the next time we plan on going up there.

The club has managed several tours so far this year. Recently, our annual Memorial Day Parade in Naperville transported Veterans through the event, with eight of our cars participating. We recently conducted our annual tour up to Clinton, Wisconsin, with another eight cars traveling 162 miles. It was a great ride and we enjoyed wonderful weather. So, check out the schedule for future tours on Alan's comprehensive spread sheet.

My fellow Model A'ers, I hope everyone has their cars running, because it's time to hit the road for another fine season of tours and carshows!

We had a successful Safety Check on April 26th, inspecting seven cars and finding several issues that have been written up for repair by their owners. Many thanks to Jeff Carstens for once again hosting the event and to Tom Ecklund for providing the use of his lift to get the cars up in the air for a good walk-under inspection. Special appreciation to Ron Olsen for torquing all the wheels of every car and airing up all the tires quietly while the rest of our crew perused the mechanicals from underneath and topside.

Our club continues to grow, now sporting 55 members, which is an all-time high. This rise of membership is directly due to the great group of people we have in the club, whose willingness to help each other out keeps our cars on the road. This year, we formed a new group to do House Calls in an organized and scheduled fashion with Alan Petrik heading the team and tracking the various projects. So, if you need some trouble-shooting, feel free to call Alan and set up a House Call. Through the longstanding House Calls program, we have kept several members cars on the road and put even more *back* on the road after many years of garage storage time. This better

On another topic, the Club has amassed quite a parts inventory that we have decided to sell off at Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum this coming September 19th-20th. We are looking for people to man the booth for several hours at a time, so please sign up if you plan to attend Model A days and help us mind the store. Selling surplus parts has boosted our Club treasury, particularly with Lindy's rebuilding of carburetors, generators, and starters and Alan's rebuilding of transmissions for resale at reasonable prices. In fact, at our recent meeting in June, Lindy's financial report indicated a balance of \$3600 in the bank, comparing very favorably with the plus-or-minus \$2000 balance that we generally maintained for several years running. We expect that the September Model A Days Swap Meet proceeds will further improve our financial position. But we need your help to run our store!

In closing, I wish to also recognize the numerous members that quietly help out with all the duties and responsibilities required to make the Naper A's the best Club possible. Yes, we're on a roll, and thank you all. It's a privilege to serve as your President!

Gene Egert



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