

The Running Board

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President's Chatter

Many thanks goes out to Dave Habersang and everyone who helped him for organizing the Model A Ford display in the FFA Exhibition Center at the 43rd Litchfield Hills Historical Auto Club car show on August 19th. There was a great display of Model A's, honoring the 90th Anniversary of

the Model A Ford. Many present and past club members, as well as some from CMARC members, brought their cars to put on display and help with era fashions displays, old advertisement and tool displays. It was an impressive exhibit. We had Model A rides for everyone, despite some muddy fairgrounds after so much rain on Saturday.

There was a table set up to promote the MAFCA, hoping to attract new members. There were a few people that joined the national club and we are hoping that some of them will also join our local club. Every year LHHAC features a different production car anniversary in the exhibit barn and it was nice to have a chance to celebrate our Model A's for this year's show.

President,

Don Bruno



Directions to our Meeting

Meeting Location! [The Harwinton Public Library](#) (80 Bentley Drive Harwinton, CT 06791)

From Route 8- Take exit 42 onto Rt. 118 east toward Harwinton. Travel 2.5 miles on Rt. 118 to Bentley Drive. Take a right onto Bentley Drive, the Library is a half mile on the left.

Editor's Note: If anyone has items for sale, just email them to me and I will be glad to post them in the newsletter. Our newsletter has a wide range of exposure being on the internet. Please email your requests by the 15th of the month. Also, articles are always appreciated. cabrioletdave@yahoo.com



Minutes of Northwestern CT A's Meeting

Tues., July 31, 2018 Harwinton, CT

Meeting Called to Order at 7:42 pm by our President, Don Bruno.

Guests: Sal DiFabio of New Hartford '31 Cabriolet

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the June 2018 meeting were read and accepted with one correction.
Correction: Ed Covill is a member, not a guest.

Treasurer's Report: Read and Accepted.

Membership: 24 members

Cheers: None

Club Apparel: You can still get garments. Our club logo is on file to embroider onto a jacket, hat or a garment of your choice.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

Car show display coming up – Aug. 19th at the Goshen Fair. Set-up will take place on Sat. Aug 18th in the barn with Model A's on display, pictures, parts, booklets, memorabilia, etc. Also, a large canvas banner in color will be on display. It was unfurled at our meeting night and was received with enthusiasm by our members. This was made by Dave Habersang's Son. A very professional design is worthy of a \$50 gift card from our treasury.

There will be 3 Model A's outside the barn to give rides to anyone willing to take a ride. Also there will be many of our members cars outside on display as well. This promises to be a big promotion and educational experience and is expected to gain interest in our hobby and get new members for our club.

Newsletter: Look at your July issue and you'll see that it is **Number 300**. We're delighted to see new articles and old ads from yesteryear within each issue. Congratulations to our editor Dave Habersang for a job well done. The newsletter is the glue that helps to hold the club together.

Tours:

Aug 19 LHC 90th Anniv. Of Ford at Goshen Fairgrounds.
Aug 25/26 Picnic at Thomaston Dam Park – Paul Dubreuil
Sept ? Barry Cone RR – date to be decided
Sept 22 Klingberg 4th Car Show this year. Another in Oct. 27th.
Oct 21 Jay Beverage's car collection in Essex.

Technical:

Oil drip boxes made by Dave Chanko were presented, and anyone in need of one or more, a small fee will go to our treasury.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm followed by refreshments.



Respectfully submitted,
Nick Nesci, Secretary

Attendance

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| Archie Bardwell | Jay Reynolds | Dick Wells | Paul Dubreuil |
| Nick Nesci | Don Bruno | Dave Chanko | Dave Habersang |
| Chris Armantano | Guy Livolsi | Rick Fattibene, Sr. | Guest: Sal DiFabio |

The 90th Anniversary Exhibit of the Model A Ford

I would like to thank all the people that helped with the 90th Anniversary Exhibit Project in conjunction with the LHHAC Car Show, held at the Goshen Fairgrounds. Members from our club along with members from other clubs helped with this endeavor. Young and old enjoyed the many educational displays and cars. Many positive comments were expressed regarding the exhibit.

The Era Fashions Display was a hit with all the women. Carol Habersang, Pat Dickinson and Betty Riesbeck did an outstanding job with this display. The Model A Ford rides, provided by Archie Bardwell and Paul Dubreuil, were a hit with both the young and old. Maybe some day one of those youngsters will remember that ride and want to have a Model A Ford of their own. Ed Covill and Paul Dubreuil setup a very nice Tool Display with names and descriptions of each tool. Don Bruno contacted the MAFCA head quarters and was able to obtain a MAFCA membership promotion table with magazines and a table cover. Free membership was offered for a year.

A special thanks goes out to LHHAC and Glenn Royals who were so supportive with all my needs.

Dave Habersang



RED Light Drivers



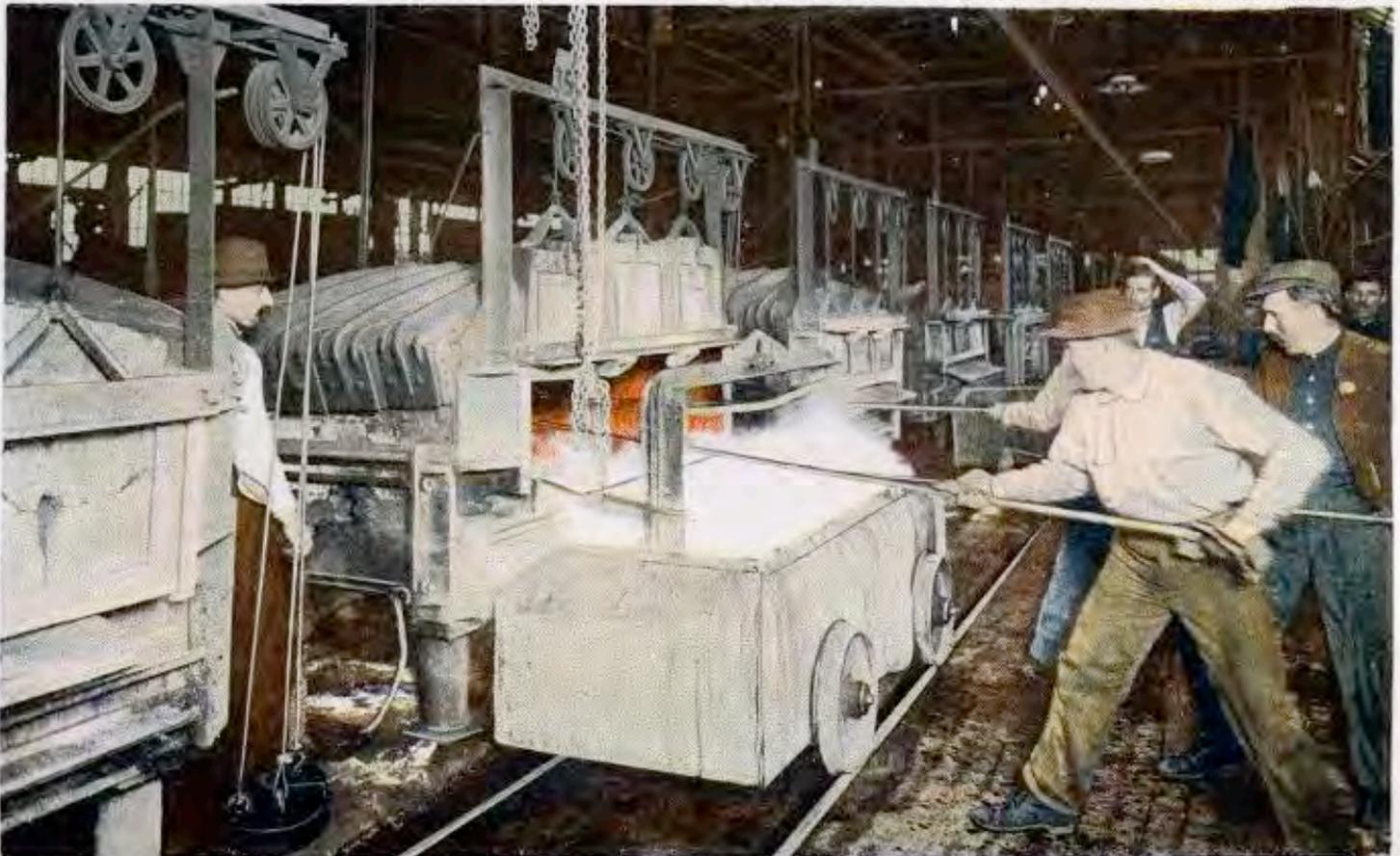
I was riding with my friend. We came to a red light and he sped up and whipped right through it. I started freaking out, "Hey man, you're going to get us killed!" He replied, "Relax, my brother drives like this."

We came to another red light and he blazed right through. "You're going to get arrested or get us killed!" "Relax, this is how my brother drives."

We came to a green light he stopped dead looking both ways. "Dude, it's green you can go." "Nah man, my brother might be coming the other way."

Fords Heat Treating Division

QUENCHING STEEL FORGINGS IN THE FURNACE ROOM.



FORD HEAT TREATMENT GIVES WONDERFUL STRENGTH TO AXLES, STEERING RODS, GEARS, ETC.

August 21st is
Senior
Citizens
Day

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN

I'm the life of the party...even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps...with a hammer.

I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I am going.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm very good at telling stories; over and over and over and over...

I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not nearly as cute as mine.

I'm so cared for...long term care, eye care, private care, dental care.

I'm not really grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, un-ruly kids, Jenny Craig and Toyota commercials, barking dogs, politicians and a few oth-er things I can't seem to remember right now.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm having trouble remembering simple words like...

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days, and when did they let kids become policemen?

I'm wondering, if you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150? And, how can my kids be older than I feel sometimes?

I'm a walking storeroom of facts...I've just lost the key to the storeroom door.

MODEL A FORD MANIFOLD AND EXHAUST LEAKS

Tech Talk

Chances for a carbon monoxide leak from the exhaust system on a Model A Ford are several times greater than that of a modern car. However, exhaust leaks should not be a problem when the "Henry Ford designed exhaust system" is installed and properly maintained. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas with nearly the same density as the air we breathe. Symptoms caused by the presence of carbon monoxide are nausea, dizziness, light headedness and a weird feeling in the throat.

Potential problem sources for the Model A Ford exhaust system are:

1. The muffler clamp used to join the cast iron exhaust manifold and the tail-pipe assembly is less than fool-proof and can be very easily installed improperly.
2. As the Model A cast iron exhaust manifold ages, the outlet end may sag due to repeated over-heating and the weight of the tail pipe. The manifold to tail-pipe fit can be restored by heating the tailpipe and increasing the bend.
3. The cast iron exhaust manifold may be cracked due to over-heating, less than uniform block to manifold port contact, improper positioning of the concave manifold washers and non-uniform tightening of the manifold nuts.
4. Tail pipe corrosion, physical damage or a shortened reproduction muffler/tailpipe are common conditions causing exhaust gases to enter the passenger compartment.

Suggestions to help minimize the chance for an exhaust system leak are:

- A. Before installing the muffler clamp check that the tail-pipe flange is shaped and fitted properly. Make certain there is sufficient flange width to assure complete tail-pipe to manifold contact. A floor jack can be used to hold the tail-pipe in position when checking the above and installing the muffler clamp. Care should be taken to only fit the joint, do not lift the car by the manifold.
- B. Using heat-resistant cement (that hardens when heated) can be placed in the cast iron muffler clamp before assembly. There are several heat resistant cements sold in auto parts stores. After-market metal and heat-resistant fabric washers are available, but use at your own risk. Henry did not approve of their use.
- C. Make sure the exhaust tailpipe extends beyond the car body. It is best to use a standard dimension Model A Ford muffler and tailpipe. As the Model A tailpipe is used the overall length shortens due to acid, water and oxygen in the exhaust gas and ambient air moving along the outside of the tailpipe outlet. Use a short extender to increase the tailpipe length and to help limit tailpipe erosion. If a short extender does not clear the car body, get a new muffler and tailpipe.

A battery powered, household carbon monoxide detector (available for about 20 dollars at your local hardware store) can be used to check for the presence of carbon monoxide in the car; when finished install the detector near the furnace in your home. - *Willamette Valley A's*

2018 Club Roster (24 Members)



Chris and Cheri Hicks Armentano
Bethlehem, CT
'31 Coupe

Archie & Donna Bardwell
Torrington, CT
'30 Coupe

Don and Donna Bruno
Torrington, CT
'31 Tudor, '28 Leatherback, '23 T Roadster, '13 T Touring, '22 Dodge Touring

Dave and Kathy Chanko
Torrington, CT
'30 Tudor

Ed and Penny Covill
Watertown, CT
'30 Tudor

Paul and Laura Dubreuil
Torrington, CT
'30 Tudor

Richard and Rosemarie Fattibene
Sandy Hook, CT
'30 Roadster

Tom and Kathy Fix
Torrington, CT
'28 Tudor

Tom and Pat Gormley
Woodbury, CT
'31 Pickup

Dave and Carol Habersang
Thomaston, CT
'30 Cabriolet 68B

Ted & Marie Legendre
Northfield, CT
'28 Roadster

Guy Livolsi and Debbie Deziel
Litchfield, CT '29 Special Coupe

Michael and Sandra Morgan
New Hartford, CT
'29 Closed Cab PU

Nick and Fran Nesci
Kensington, CT
'30 Cabriolet & '30 Fordor

Jay Reynolds
Sandisfield, MA
'29 Tudor

Jack & Patty Roarke
East Hartland, CT
'31 Woodie, '30 Roadster, '31 Cabriolet

Glenn Royals
Torrington, CT
'31 Convertible Sedan 400-A

Mike & Bert Serra
Ocala, FL
'30 Fordor Sedan, '39 Fordor

Rick and Madaline Swanson
Shelton, CT
'31 Victoria, '31 Hot Rod Coupe, '51 Ford P.U. Hot Rod, '55 Ford, '37 Chevy Rod

Dr. Bruce and Marilyn Vinokur
Watertown, CT
'29 Fordor 60C, '31 Roadster

Robert and Linda Watley
Goshen, CT
'29 Fordor Leather, '31 Pickup, '31 Tudor

Dick & Margaret Wells
Winsted, CT
'31 Deluxe Coupe

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'30 Phaeton

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