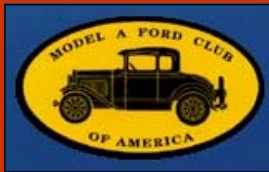


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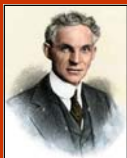
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Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at

twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

— Henry Ford

RIDING WITH GPS

By BOB FIELDS

There is a free bicycle app called "Ride with GPS" available at www.ridewithgps.com.

You can download a mobile version for use on either Apple or Android cellphones, depending on what type you have.

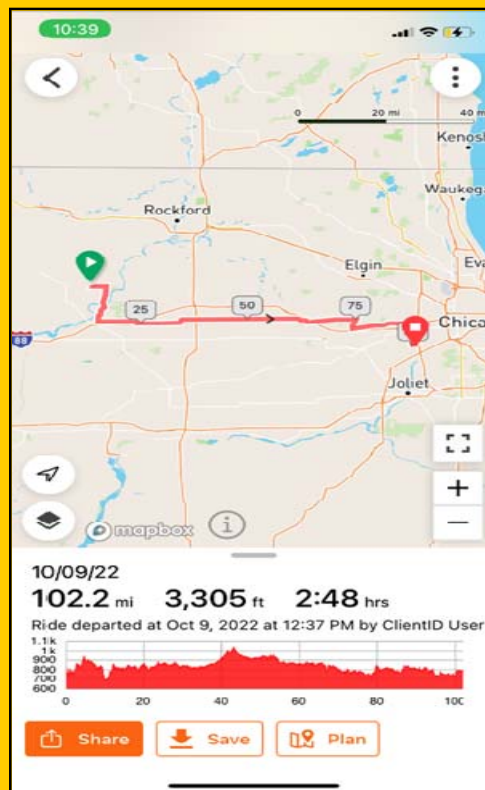
It's simple to use . . . you hit the record button to

start it up. The app will locate your position and start to record your ride, it's as simple as that.

When you have arrived at your destination, just press and hold the pause button to finalize your ride. It will show you a

graphic of your route.

Then you can scroll down farther to see your travel stats. Several stats will show, based upon your moving and stopped times, which is a nice feature. This trip was recorded on our Fall Tour to White Pines.



Distance	102.2 mi
Elevation	+3,305 ft / -3,296 ft
Grade	5.5% / -6.0%
Estimated Time	Upgrade
Location	Ogle County, IL, US
Privacy	Public
Created	Oct 9, 2022 at 4:14 PM
Gear	None Set
Total Time	03:35:45
Moving Time	02:48:41
Stopped Time	00:47:04
Max Speed	53.5 mph
Avg Mv Speed	36.3 mph
VAM	726
Ascent Time	01:23:14
Descent Time	01:25:27
Pace	02:06
Moving Pace	01:38



GENE'S CAR, FOLLOWING NEW ALTERNATOR INSTALLATION

Something For Fun!

P S N M E C A N O I T A G I V A N B P
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| modelA | crankshaft | horn | piston |
| cabriolet | clutch | fan | wheel |
| roadster | gear | fuel | ring |
| safety | rear | fuse | axle |
| torque | filter | alarm | trunk |
| drivers | tudor (2) | emission | car |
| bolt | cowl | mat | gas |
| engines | arc | spare | rod |
| ford | auto | bumper | lock |
| production | style | mufflers | bonnet |
| fourbanger | hood | pedal | key |
| navigation | brake | | |

NAPER A's BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, & DECEMBER



Reuben Taylor, Lindy Willaims
 Nick Mazzarella, Gar Williams
 Tim Wiggins, Mark Benischek
 Al Junco, Alan Petrik, Cheryl Egert
 Bob Verrando, Mary Mazzarella
 Mary Burgermeister



Volo Museum



MODEL A MADE FOR SNOW!



Photos By BOB FIELDS

1928 Model A Housecar

Story & Photos By BOB FIELDS

My wife and I visited the Volo Museum on Columbus Day and enjoyed viewing many different TV and Movie cars. A few caught our eye that may be of interest to Naper A's members. Particularly the 1928 Ford Model A House Car!

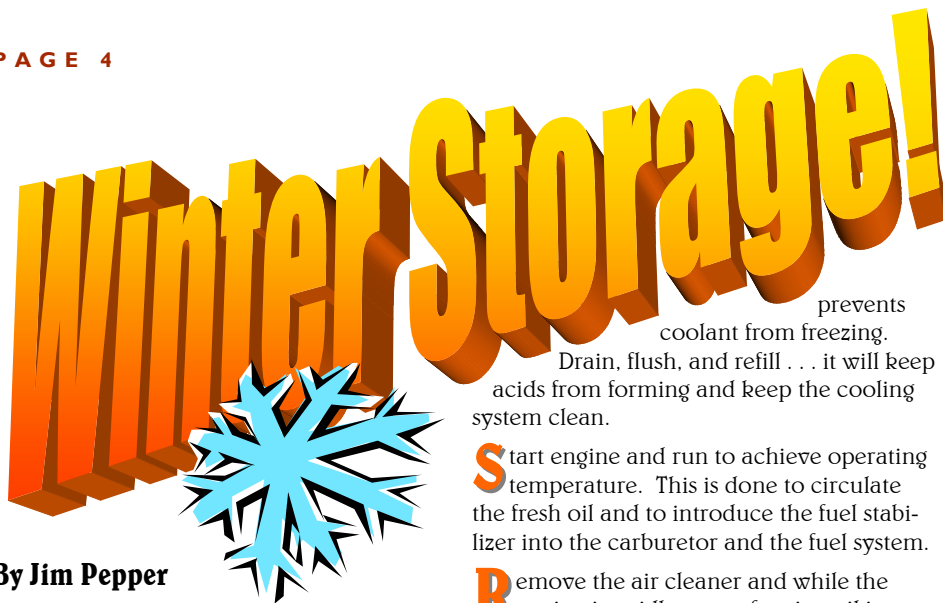
The Ford Model A House Car emerged during the Great Depression as a solution for people who could not keep both their house and their car. The top of the House Car was made of roll-up canvas, which afforded more headspace when needed, and the tiny interior held a kitchen, stove, dining area and bed. Ford only made two of the Model A House Cars — one in 1928 and one in 1936 — and you can see the 1928 model at the Volo Auto Museum.

For more information on the 1928 Ford Model A House Car, go to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6Psb16suZA



Winter Storage!



By Jim Pepper

Special From The **STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB**

In an effort to keep you vehicles from bio-degrading due to road salt, many of our members in northern states store their cars during the winter months. Improper storage procedures can lead to premature mechanical failure and lead to unnecessary problems in the spring. The following steps will allow you to store a car for winter and successfully return it to the street in spring. I have also included the reasons for each step. The whole process should take two to four hours, but it is time well spent.

Fill the gas tank (3/4 tank minimum). An empty tank can collect moisture and rust internally. Avoid storing a vehicle with any oxygenated fuel in it if possible. Oxygenated fuel has a very short shelf life, (about 30 days) and can attack soft items such as hoses and gaskets, and it can corrode fuel system components.

Add a fuel stabilizer such as Sta-Bil per instructions. Fuel stabilizer prevents oxidation of the gas and formation of gum deposits in the fuel system. If you use E-10 fuel, make sure the product you use is made to treat ethanol type fuels.

Change the oil and filter. As an engine runs, unburned fuel, moisture, and by-products of combustion leak past the rings and contaminate the oil. As an engine sits, these contaminants react chemically with the engine bearings (ie. rod, main and cam). This reaction etches the bearings and the bearing journals. This etching destroys the bearing surfaces and increases running clearance. Storing with clean oil prevents this from happening.

Lube the chassis. A lube job pushes out any moisture that might have worked into the various joints. This will prevent rust from forming and causing wear.

Check for proper strength anti-freeze. Drain, flush, and refill if it is more than two years old. Proper strength anti-freeze

prevents coolant from freezing. Drain, flush, and refill . . . it will keep acids from forming and keep the cooling system clean.

Start engine and run to achieve operating temperature. This is done to circulate the fresh oil and to introduce the fuel stabilizer into the carburetor and the fuel system.

Remove the air cleaner and while the engine is at idle, spray fogging oil into the carburetor for about 30 seconds. Keep the engine running for a short time, then let it die while still spraying. If it does not die on its own, shut it off. You can pull the plugs after shutting off the engine and spray more oil directly into the cylinders for added protection but that is somewhat overkill. Re-install the plugs if you do this. This step coats oil on all the internal engine surfaces (cylinders, pistons, valves, etc.) preventing rust formation.

Cover the carburetor mouth with a piece of plastic or a small plastic bag and re-install the air cleaner. Stuff a rag in each tailpipe and the cover with a small plastic bag and zip ties to seal them off. What this does is it seals off the engine from both ends to prevent air exchange. This will minimize moisture in the air from condensing on cold (very cold) engine and exhaust parts.

Remove the battery. Clean and cover the cable clamps. Clean the battery tray. Clean the battery top and posts. The battery should be stored, fully charged, on a block of wood or it can be left in the vehicle on the tray. A fully charged battery will not freeze or be damaged by cold. Do not store a battery inside your house or basement. You can use a "float charger" to keep the battery fully charged without overcharging.

Jack up the car (truck) and place it on four quality jack stands. Place the stands under the rear axle and under the front axle. This is to promote air movement under the car to keep it dry. It also maintains the load on the suspension. Loading the suspension is important because it keeps rust from forming between spring leaves. Another option is to place the vehicle on vehicle dollies. That also loads the suspension.

Remove all four tires if it is on stands. Cover each drum with a plastic garbage bag. Tie it off behind the backing plate, sealing it as good as possible. Nox-rust, a chemically treated rust prevention paper, or

equivalent moisture absorber (desiccant packets) can be added to the inside of the bag but it is not absolutely necessary. This prevents brake drums and components from getting rusty. You can cover the entire tire and wheel assembly with the tire still on the vehicle if your bag is large enough.

Wash and wax the exterior including polishing the chrome. Chrome can be wiped with an oily rag, or polished with chrome polish to prevent rust.

Place dryer several sheets such as Bounce throughout the interior, trunk, and under the hood. These deter rodents from hanging up a home sweet home sign for the winter. More is better. I also use one **Fresh Cab Botanical Rodent Repellent**, sold at the local **Farm and Fleet** store, in each car. Pull down the sun visors away from the headliner. Mice will also make a home above the visors if left up.

Cover the vehicle with a breathable car cover and wait for spring. In spring when you bring the car out, remember to remove the plastic from the tailpipes and over the carburetor before trying to start your vehicle!

WINTER STORAGE MYTHS

Starting an engine and running it every few weeks or once a month.

Running for over an hour will only bring the coolant up to operating temperature. The oil and the exhaust system will not get warm enough to burn off all moisture present. A driving load is needed to do that. You will probably draw in more moisture than you expel. The cold starts will leave a unburned fuel and moisture in the oil due to the rich choke/low heat conditions counteracting the benefits of the fresh oil change. Meanwhile your battery will eventually wear down and could freeze due to the severe cold start draw and minimal charge time.

I'll drive it only when its nice out and the roads are clear.

After any snowfall the roads are salt laden for many weeks. Even though they're dry, the roads contain salt ground into a fine powder that penetrates seams in the underbody, fenders, or frame and start a chemical reaction when teamed with humidity, moisture and condensation, etc. Another thing that happens when its nice out in winter is the snow piles start to melt and the run-off contains as much salt as it did when it was plowed into a pile. The point is your car can get covered with as much corrosive salt when the roads are clear as when it is snowing. Lastly, if you drive a generic brand "X" all winter, you will more appreciate your classic car a lot more in the springtime!

WHITE PINES TOUR

Story & Photos By GENE EGERT

The Naper A's Model A Club held a tour to White Pines State Park in Oregon, Illinois, on October 22nd. It was a great turn out with 10 cars participating. Traveling in those 10 cars were Ron Olsen, Ed Danley, Jerry and Linda Rigatos, Gene and Cheryl Egert, Alan and Diane Petrik, Tom Ekland and his son Mark, Lindy Williams, Mike Bowen, Bob Fields, and Jim Stulga.

We launched from the Speedway in Batavia at 8:15 A.M. and proceeded to our first stop at Long Grove Forest Preserve. Then onto the Shell Gas Station in Dixon to fuel up and have a bathroom break. From there, we toured on to White Pines for a great breakfast buffet. As always, the food and conversation was great and on the return trip we enjoyed noneventful travel on a lovely Fall day. I do believe that due to our House Calls and our Safety Checks we needed no roadside tech sessions. We traveled a total of about 200 miles round trip, but for a more precise report on the statistics, see the front page story from Bob Fields on Traveling With GPS.





LADIES CORNER

By DIANE PETRIK

Below is a very fashionable Christmas dress of the 1930's.



1930's FASHION TRENDS FOR WOMEN...

- Soft & Feminine Looks
- Puffed or Butterfly Sleeves
- Flowing Full Skirts
- Bobbed & Finger-waved hairdos



WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Hey, all Newbies, happy to have you join our Merry Band. Above are Linda and Jerry Rigatos. Also, welcome to Roger Ascher and George Haralampopoulos (no pix).

1930's FASHION TRENDS FOR MEN...

- Wide, pointed Lapels
- High-waisted Pants
- V-Neck Sweaters
- Fedora Hats

See Birthdays and Just for Fun Puzzle on Page 2 of this issue!

Welcome back to the "Ladies Corner." I hope that you will enjoy our recipes, luncheon news and other bits of fashion information for the Naper A's!

Ladies Fashions:

Girls you may enjoy this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77ompzhAv4c> I think you will find this to be a very interesting video provided through the National MAFCA club website. This shows the ladies in their 1930 full outfits with a 15-20 minute showing to be judged. It covers a very detailed judging from hair styles to footwear, jewelry and accessories included.



Did You Know? Department...

Among the rarest Model A's is what Ford called the 400A, which over time has become known to collectors as the A-400. The actual model name is "Convertible Sedan" and only 4,864 were ever produced, all of them in the final model year run of 1931.



BOOZE BEAN RECIPE

1 lb Ground Beef w/2 medium onions chopped.
2 28-Ounce cans B&M or Bush's Baked beans.
Ketchup, Dry Mustard, Brown Sugar.

Brown beef and onion mixture and drain.
In bean pot, layer beans and beef.
Squeeze ketchup overall (a good helping).
Sprinkle on brown sugar. then dry mustard.
Continue layering beans, beef, ketchup, brown sugar & mustard, ending with beans in two layers.
Poke five holes in the thick mixture with a wooden spoon.
Pour whiskey or bourbon (about a shot) in each hole.
Bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 hrs.

Note: Two 28-ounce cans of beans will fill a large crockpot.



Naper A's Impromptu Tour

Story & Photos By Paul Herbert

On October 6, I drove our '29 Model A to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery south of Joliet to be on hand to honor a soldier, Jacob M. Lowell, who died in Afghanistan. His former commander, Colonel (Retired) Chris Kolenda, came through these parts on his bicycle, part of his 1770-mile ride from Nebraska to Arlington, Virginia, to visit the graves of each soldier he lost and meet personally with their families.

He is also raising awareness and funds for the War on Terror veterans and families. See "Fallen Hero Honor Ride" online for more news about his remarkable trek. I was delighted that Ken and Steve could join me for this Impromptu Tour, despite my last minute announcement.



It was a good trip (no road troubles) and a moving experience. God bless Jacob and his family...and all of Colonel Kolenda's other lost troopers as well as their families.



At another event, our crew: gathered out front by Bob Fields' car at the August 20, 2022, Club Picnic at the Warren Tavern in Warrenville. Left to right, Lindy Williams (under the hood, where else would he be?), Gene Egert, Nick Mazzerella, Alan Petrik, Jim Weaver, and Rick Burgermeister.

A Word From Gene Egert

THE PREZ SAYS...



Hello my fellow Model A'ers! A New Year is fast approaching along with the cold weather we dread every year this time, and the prospects of another long Winter.

So, on that note, has everyone properly winterized their cars? I'm told there was a lively discussion of this topic at the last Naper A's monthly meeting. If not, please turn to Page 4 for a very detailed article on this annual process, authored by Jim Pepper from the Studebaker Drivers Club. Of course, the basics of Jim's guidelines pertain to all of our collectible cars, no matter what make. If you tuck your car away using Jim's recommendations, it will be much more likely to serve you well in the 2023 driving season!

This past year was quite eventful, with multiple Tours and House Calls. In fact, our hardy House Calls Group got several cars back on the road again.

These days, the club seems to be specializing in engine removal

and mechanic overhauling. Bob Fields, Paul Herbert, and Alan Petrik have all removed their car's engines, troubleshooted their problems, and then repaired them and reinstalled the motors to get their cars back on the road running better than before.

The club went on our Annual White Pines tour on October 9th with the most-ever participation, 10 cars and 12 people joined the fun. We travelled a little over 200 miles with no breakdowns (road side Tech Talks). See Bob Fields' Page 1 article on "Riding With GPS" for a more precise report on the trip

The Quad meet on September 25th also attracted about 80 people, a really good turnout. It was a cool but dry day for the Meet, sponsored by the Fox Valley Club at Inwood Park in Joliet. Five Model A's and one modern car arrived, bearing Naper A's members Lindy Williams, Gene Egert, Ron Olsen, Bob Fields, Alan Petrik and new club member Bob Verrando. Gar Williams also

met up with us at the event. A chicken dinner

was served along with entertainment from a four-piece musical group featuring 1930's era music and many raffle prizes were given out.

The Christmas brunch is coming up soon, on December 4th at the Courtyard in Warrenville. So far, we have 30 people signed up to attend!

Hopefully this Winter we can set up some House Calls and Tech Sessions to ensure that our cars are ready to travel next Spring. On that note, let me know if you have issues with your car that the club could help address.

Along those lines, I can report that the club has acquired quite a few parts from various donations and will soon list them for sale, so make up your own list and check it twice! We may have just what you need, in stock and at a reasonable cost!

USED CAR LOT — HEMMINGS ON-LINE AUCTION



1929 MODEL A PICKUP

Private Seller in Senoia, Georgia

VIN #91491168

40 HP 200 cubic inch Inline Four Cylinder Engine

Tan over Brown Paint

Brown Vinyl Interior

Odometer 70,551

Auction being watched by 87 people.

Current Bid \$20,250 is #6 (Reserve Not Met).

Auction ends at 3:45 PM on Tuesday, November 29th.

www.hemmings.com/auction/1929-ford-model-a-260789