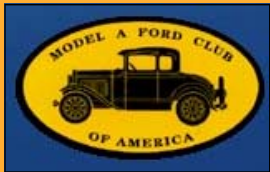


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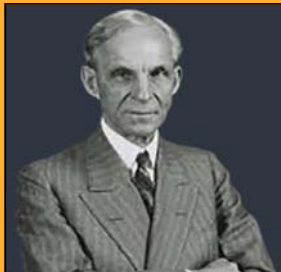
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HENRY SAID, "If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right!"

2022 GARAGE TOUR

Ron Olsen once again planned and organized a terrific Garage Tour for September 10th, which was well attended.



Naper A's On The Road...



Alan Petrik provided both lunch and a trans assembly Technical Session to complete the Tour.

Ken Jacogzinski has owned this 1929 Pickup ever since returning from Army service in the 1960's.



PAUL IS BACK ROLLING AGAIN...

Alan Petrik, Paul Herbert, Gene Egert, and Lindy Williams breathed a sigh of relief when Paul's engine was finally tucked back into his 1929 Fordor at Gene's garage this August, with help from Tom Eklund, Mike Bowen, and Jim Weaver in a marathon House Call project.



PRESIDENTIAL RIDE. IN A NORMAL POSE

Naper A's In The Memorial Day Parade

Story By GENE EGERT Photos By GENE EGERT & AL JUNCO

The Naper A's chauffeured a number of veterans through the Naperville Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31, 2022. Drivers included Gene Egert, Rick Burgermeister, Tom Eklund, Gar Williams, Jeff Carstens, Steve Paul, and Alan Petrick. Tom brought coffee and donuts for our crew, and it turned out to be a great day. It was truly a heartwarming situation, and one veteran commented that he had never received a welcome like this when he came home. Gar's ride-along veteran was a WWII survivor.



2021 PANCREATIC CANCER WALK

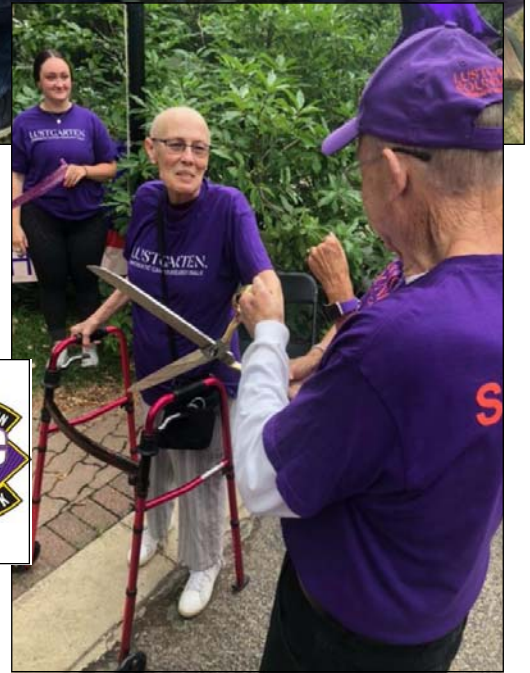
Story and Photos By RAY McMAHON

We had another great turnout for this year's 2022 Lustgarten Foundation "Beat Pancreatic Cancer" Walk on Sunday morning, July 17th. The Walk was a big success this year with the Naper A's and Illinois Region Model A Clubs bringing out their cars. Altogether, we had six Model A's, brought by Lindy Williams, Gene Egert, Steve Paul, Jim Weaver, Jim Stulga, and Ron Ehrenhofer.

We raised \$1,519 through the Naper A's "Team Fred" and Illinois Region effort, plus another \$1,000 from my Facebook posting. Last year we raised \$2,980 due to an anonymous match of our Naper A's Team Fred link.

Lindy had the honor of cutting the ribbon at the starting gate for the Walk! We topped 600 people for the Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Walk this year.

A special thanks to everyone for bringing their cars and taking the time to participate in this year's Walk. We hope to see you all again next year!



TINY TIP FROM MAFCA

Submitted By Doug Zinn, Little Rock, Arkansas

Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

O-Ring Will Protect Upholstery

I GOT THIS SIMPLE IDEA from a friend of mine, Bobby Roy, who lives in Ola, Arkansas. Behind a finish washer used for upholstery, place a #78 O-ring under the washer as a backup to keep it from cutting into the cloth material. I have put this idea to use with good results!



Father's Day Car Show



The annual Saturday Father's Day weekend car show was a very nice event. The weather was outstanding and the show was well attended by many for its brief three-hour duration. 100 cars and some tractors were displayed. Attending on behalf of the Naperville A's were Lindy Williams, Gene Egert, Rick

Burgermeister, Gar Williams and Kay, Ray McMahon, Tom Eklund, Gary Pradel, Alan Petrik, Gordon Coleman (showing his Plymouth), and one of our new members, Jim Stulga, brought his newly-acquired Cabriolet.

Photos and story courtesy of Ray McMahon and Alan Petrik.





LADIES CORNER

By DIANE PETRIK

Take a look at this link:

https://www.mafca.com/ef_whatsnew.html

Fashion articles for the past few years can be found at this link:

https://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html

Thank you, Robin Weaver, for scouting up these links!

Jaci Petrik submitted The Aunt Annies Pretzels recipe and Mary Burgermeister sent her plan for Bok Choy Salad. Both dishes will help keep our Model A Boys well fed!



Welcome all to the new feature in the 4-Banger called the "Ladies Corner." I hope that you will enjoy the recipes, luncheon news and other bits of information we that we will be contributing to the Napier A's Model A Club newsletter!

The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) has a big fashion avenue (pun). It relates interesting history on clothing fashions of the 1928-1931 era, including hats, jewelry and other accessories worn back then by men, women and even children. Annually, MAFCA conducts a judged fashion event based on an elaborate point system at their national convention celebrations.

If anyone has a newsworthy item for our column please do send it to me care of: rich.association@sbcglobal.net. On that note we will end with our thought of the day: If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock. Humerus!

AUNT ANNIE'S PRETZELS (but better!)



Pretzel Dough

- 1 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 1/8 teaspoon active dry yeast
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup bread flour
- 3 cups regular flour

Water Bath

- 2 cups warm water
- 2 tablespoons baking soda

Toppings

- to taste coarse salt
- 4 tablespoons melted sweet cream butter

Directions

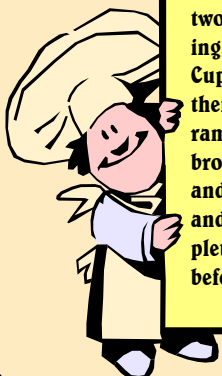
Add the warm water to a mixing bowl. Sprinkle the yeast evenly over the surface. Let the yeast "bloom" then stir in the sugar and salt. Add the flours slowly while stirring until it forms a soft dough. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic. Place back in the bowl and cover with a damp towel. Let rise for 30 minutes in a warm, draft free location. While the dough is rising, prepare the water bath by mixing the warm water and baking soda. Stir well. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Grease a baking sheet. When the dough has risen, pinch off pieces of the dough and roll out into a long, thin (1/2-inch thick or less) rope. Shape into a pretzel shape, or other desired shape. Dip the pretzel in the warm baking soda solution and place on the prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. Place the baking sheet in the oven and bake at 450 degrees F for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove the pretzels from the oven and brush with melted butter. Sprinkle the hot pretzels with the coarse salt. For cinnamon-sugar pretzels, dip the pretzels in melted butter & coat in a blend of ground cinnamon and sugar.

Serves: 12

I added an additional about 1/2 teaspoon yeast and an additional 1 tablespoon sugar and about 1.5 cups bread flour and 2.5 all purpose flour. And of course an extra basting of butter!

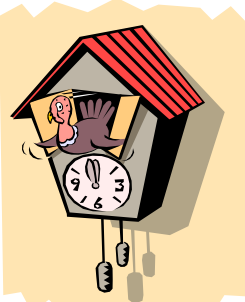
BOK CHOY SALAD

Take two 2 bunches bok choy, chopped greens and all, including two to four bunches of chopped green onion. For dressing, combine 3/4 Cup of salad oil, 3/4 Cup of sugar, 1/4 Cup of vinegar, and 3 Tablespoons of soy sauce. Mix them together. For Topping, use three to four packages of ramen noodles (without sauce packets), uncooked and broken into small pieces, 1/2 Cup of slivered almonds, and 1/4 Cup of sunflower nutmeats. Spread all in pans and toast at 350 for about 8 minutes. Cool completely. Combine greens & topping, and toss lightly. Just before serving add dressing and mix gently. Very Good!



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UNION & SYCAMORE

A Tale of Two Outings

Story & Photos By PAUL HERBERT

Once the Naper A's team effort helped get my '29 Fordor in good running order again (see Gene's column in this issue), I was once again eager to go on Club tours. First up on August 7th was the Illinois Railway Museum Car Show in Union, Illinois. Well, rain set in before we departed and we probably should have cancelled...but no! All the way to Union we forged on, following our determined leader, Tom Ecklund. The rain was even heavier there, with only a few show cars and no visitors. We stayed in our assigned spot just long enough to take a photo, then unanimously opted for breakfast in Huntley, where few folks appreciated our pretty row of A's because it was still raining hard.

Tom had better luck, weather-wise, on August 12th. We gathered at the Speedway at Wilson and Kirk Roads in Batavia, then followed a very pretty country road through Burlington to the Sycamore Steam Show. I had never been to a steam show and thought it was terrific! They demonstrated a real *steam* shovel and a 1918-era steam tractor powering a working sawmill. There was a flea market (Tom found a pair of 1968 "B" Illinois truck plates among a few thousand old plates!), plenty of food, and a parade of ancient steam and early gas tractors and construction equipment. Lindy even made friends with some tall corn. We had no problems out or back, on the 80-mile round trip. Well done, Tom!



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SHARON TOUR

Fear of rain did not deter the Naper A's from participating in the annual Tour to Sharon Wisconsin for their festival. There were eight cars in our group this year, with Tom Eklund leading the group. Rick and Mary, Lindy and Dan, Alan, Steve, Bob, Gene and Cheryl followed up. Cheryl and Gene dressed up in 1930's outfits with the help of our friends Joe and Jan who helped with their costumes. The turnout at Sharon was low, about half the cars one normally sees. All of the Model A's in our group made it there and back with no break downs and no rain enroute. During the event, some local girls who did a dance number.



COUNTRY ROADS TOUR



Bob Fields (upper left) led a Naper A's westward-bound Country Roads Tour on June 7th with (clockwise from upper right), Ron Olsen, Alan Petrik, Tom Eklund, Steve Paul, Gene Egert, and Mike Bowen . At mid-point, they broke for lunch at a barbecue place.

The Joliet Region MARC is hosting the

2022 QUAD MEET

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



Hello my fellow Model A'ers!

We've been enjoying a much better year, activity-wise, than we could during the past two Covid years...with lots of tours, shows, and tech sessions.

We've had very good turnouts for our monthly Club meetings at the Warren Tavern throughout the year. Our initial Tech Session tore down Ed Danley's old engine at my garage on February 19th, revealing the sad news that it wasn't really a good candidate for a complete rebuild. Then, the Safety Check at Voegtle's Garage on April 30th enjoyed a good turnout where we processed several cars through our established checklist. On May 30th, we were able to give rides to several vets being honored at the Memorial Day Parade in Naperville, which was a heart-warming experience for all.

Some of our members attended the Ford Tri-Motor fly-in at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook on June 3rd, then on June 5th, we toured up to Sharon, Wisconsin, for their Model A Days once again. Myself and Cheryl got in the spirit of things by donning some period costumes. June kept us busy, as Bob Fields planned a Country Roads Tour on June 11th, then it was all hands on deck for Naperville's Father's Day Car Show on June 18th.

In July, Ray McMahon again organized our Club participation in the annual Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Walk with good fund-raising results and a grand time enjoyed by all for a good cause. August 7th brought the Union Illinois Railway Museum Car Show, which was a rain-out, then August 12th provided better weather for the Sycamore Steam Show, but both events attracted good Club participation nevertheless.

Lindy Williams, Alan Petrik, and myself have been doing a lot of House Calls this year, with support from other members. Perhaps the most important effort resulted in finally getting Paul Herbert's engine to stop leaking oil and knocking. He had entrusted his 1929 Fordor to a Model A Garage in Luray, Virginia, in November of 2019. They had it for two plus years, charged him a lot of money, then didn't finish the project acceptably as agreed. The most serious problem (of many) were a constant and excessive oil leak and a bad engine rattle. So, the first week of August, Lindy, Alan, Paul, and I spent four days in my

garage pulling the engine, fixing the leak and getting Paul back on the road. Tom Eklund, Mike Bowen, and Jim Weaver helped pitch in on the project. It put Paul on his way immediately to the August 7th and August 12th events in Union and Sycamore! Later, we'll try to report more completely on what we found inside Paul's engine.

On that note, we also pulled Bob Fields' engine and installed his new rebuilt engine only to have to pull it again. Though nothing was wrong with the engine, it needed an overlooked clutch adjustment.

This brings us up to the August 20th Club Picnic at the Warren Tavern, which initially looked like it might be a rainout, but the weather gods stood fast and we were able to cook and eat outdoors before the rains came, so a couple dozen members enjoyed the chow and usual camaraderie.

At this writing, we just completed a fantastic Garage Tour planned and organized by Ron Olsen on September 10th, visiting the shop of Ken Jagodzinski, to see his 1929 Pickup he's owned since the 1960's, and then on to Ray McMahon, to see his award-winning 1931 Cabriolet. Then a feast at Alan Petrik's!

And now, we're packing bags to head out for Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan, this coming weekend. Yes, indeed, it has been a busy year so far... and we're not done yet!



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