

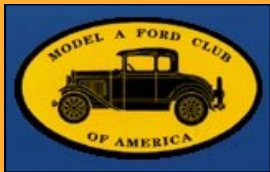
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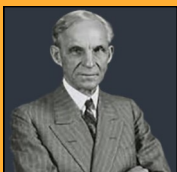
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HENRY SAID, "History is more or less bunk. It is tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's dam is history we make today."

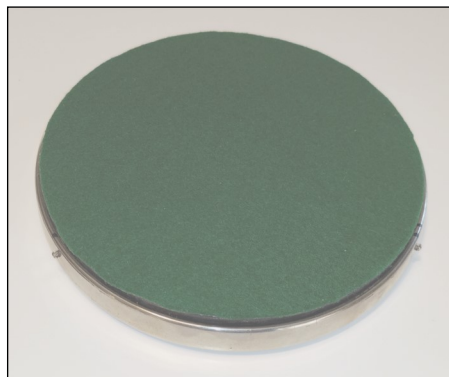
DISPLAYING FAVORITE MODELS

Who among us does not have an assortment of little car models lining the shop or den, in addition to one's full-size rolling stock?

Also, some spare parts just lying around unused or unneeded, like an extra headlight rim and lens?

Well, here is an easy little project to use up your surplus odds and ends to make a nice display turntable for one of your model cars. All it takes is a rim and lens, a piece of plywood, some felt and glue, and a piece of mirrored glass.

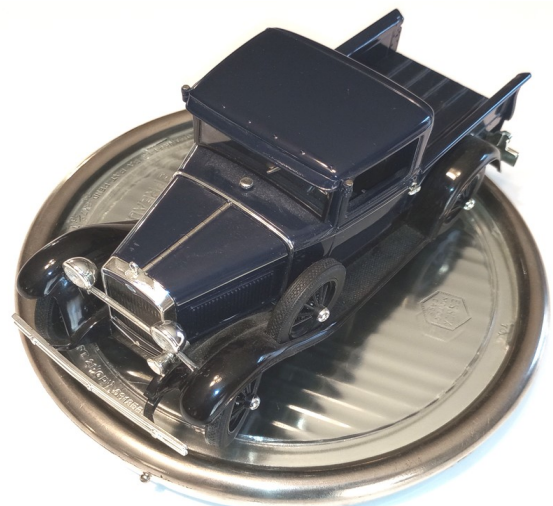
Cut the plywood first and sand the edges to fit inside the headlight rim snugly. Use rubber cement to fasten some felt to the plywood, which will protect the bottom side from scratching your furniture. Find a piece of mirror and cut it round to the same size then screed on some construction adhesive evenly on its backside to stick it to the plywood. When the adhesives have set, the whole assembly can be tucked into the rim and lens, then pinned evenly with round-headed brads.



Make a 1/2" thick plywood disk to fit inside the rim from scrap wood and glue green felt on one side. Cut a circular piece of old mirrored glass and glue it to the other side of the plywood.



Polish the rim, clean the lens and the mirror thoroughly, then tuck the whole assembly into the rim. Pin with brads.



PRESIDENTIAL RIDE. IN A NORMAL POSE

Ken's Pickup Seeing The Light of Day!

In perhaps the most ambitious of the Naper A's "House Calls" projects to date, our hardy team has descended upon Ken Jagodzinski's 1929 Pickup with the objective of pulling it out of its Rip Van Winkle slumber and getting it back on the road. So far, the engine has been pulled, disassembled, and given a mechanic's rebuild, then re-installed. We have cut out the old wiring harness, begun installation of a fresh harness, cleaned up the light switch parts, installed the clutch and brake peddles, checked clutch travel and steering, and filled and adjusted the two-tooth gear box. We poured five quarts of 10w30 oil down the distributor hole, installed the distributor, and timed the engine. With the water pump, water inlet, starter, fan, e-brake lever, and exhaust pipe also installed, she fired right up and Ken was able to take her for a quick spin around the block. Meanwhile, Ken has cleaned and painted the firewall and pulled out the battery box for refurbishment. Lots of accomplishment, but more to come...



**TRUCK
MAKES
FIRST
MOTION
IN 38
YEARS!**



SEVERAL MORE HOUSE CALLS WILL COMPLETE KEN'S PROJECT, SO WATCH THIS SPACE IN THE NEXT 4-BANGER FOR A FULL REPORT!

1930 Ford Blindback



USED CAR LOT

All mechanicals are strong. Car starts, drives, steers, and stops as expected. Low miles on a complete, documented engine and transmission rebuild. Colors: Chicle & Copra Drab, Tacoma Cream wheels.

Offered at \$16,000

For more information or pictures, please contact us at 630-365-6378. Submitted by Member Jordon Beller.

2023 PANCREATIC CANCER WALK

Story and Photos By RAY McMAHON

We had another great turnout for this year's Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Walk on Sunday morning, July 16th. The Walk was another big success this year with the Naper A's bringing out six Model A's, displaying Jim Weaver, Steve Paul, Nick Mazzerella, Jim Stulga, Lindy Williams, and Alan Petrik's cars.

We raised over \$1,000 through the Naper A's "Team Fred" effort this year, plus more from Ray McMahon's Facebook postings. Once again, Lindy Williams had the honor of helping cut the ribbon at the starting gate for the Walk! Over 600 people participated in 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!





LADIES CORNER

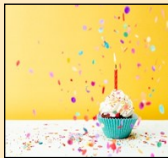
By DIANE PETRIK

MODEL A ERA COST OF LIVING

GOLD STANDARD: GONE



Happy Birthday To All:



- Jordan Beller 7/13
- Karen Volkmer 7/13
- Melody Danley 7/25
- Claire Fields 8/8
- Kay Kiser Williams 8/15
- Rich Burgermeister 8/17
- Virginia Paul 8/24
- Zach Pradel 8/28
- Linda Rigatos 9/5
- Robin Weaver 9/7
- Linda Williams 9/29

- Average Income: \$4,887.00**
- New House: \$5,500.00**
- New Car: \$600.00**
- Postage Stamp: \$0.02**
- Movie Ticket: \$0.35**
- Bacon: \$0.42/pound**
- Eggs: \$0.46/dozen**
- Gasoline: \$0.20/gallon**
- Bread: \$0.09/loaf**
- Milk: \$0.26/gallon**

1930 Astronomer, Clyde W. Tombaugh, discovers Pluto at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. 2/18/1930

1931 Congress signed law designating Francis Scott Key's (1779-1843), "Star-Spangled Banner" as the United States' national anthem. 3/31/1931

1931 San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge constructed with Joseph B. Strauss as chief engineer.

1931 Walt Disney produced the first full-length animated film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

1932 Dick and Jane books first published to help children learn to read.

1932 Parker Brothers released the game of Monopoly and, by mid-February, was selling 20,000 sets per week.

1932 American dramatist Eugene O'Neill, won the Nobel prize for literature.

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1932 Third Winter Olympics are held in Lake Placid, New York with 17 participating countries and 5 sports. 2/4/1932

1933 Albert Einstein immigrated to the United States becoming a professor at Princeton University.

1933 U.S. Supreme Court constructed in Washington, D.C.

1933 German airship, Hindenburg, catches fire as it awaits landing in New Jersey. Reporter Herb Morrison projects the news live over radio. 5/6/1937

1933 "Gone With the Wind" debuted in Atlanta, Georgia. 10/30/1938

1933 New York's World Fair, titled "World of Tomorrow", projected the idea to millions of visitors that science and technology was the hope of economic turnaround.

1939 Broadcaster, Orson Welles, tells the H.G. Wells story "War of the Worlds" over the radio, but despite his warning that it was a play, millions of listeners panicked at the thought that it was reality.

1930's TimeLine
Take a look....



Forget the "40's" garb mentioned in the last newsletter and watch this video. Just copy and paste this address into your browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77ompzhAv4c>
 This is a 10-minute MAFCA Fashion Committee video about fashion entry, judging, and styles including jewelry, hats, shoes & accessories. Take a look. It's very interesting!

So-Easy Lemon Bars

Convenient refrigerated sugar cookies make quick work of homemade lemon bars. Lime or orange anyone? Takes 8 ingredients. Prep Time 15 minutes, Total hour. 35 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 1 roll Pillsbury Create 'n Bake refrigerated sugar cookies
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon peel (2 medium)
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice (2 medium)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350°F. In an ungreased 13x9-inch pan, break up the cookie dough. With floured fingers, press the dough evenly in the bottom of the pan to form a crust. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. In a large bowl, beat the eggs with a wire whisk or fork until well blended. Beat in the granulated sugar, flour and butter until well blended. Stir in the lemon peel and lemon juice. Pour this mixture over the warm crust. Then, bake 20 to 30 minutes longer or until the edges are a light golden brown. Cool completely, for about 30 minutes. Sprinkle with the powdered sugar. With a knife dipped in hot water, cut into 6 rows by 6 rows. Enjoy!





Old Town Square - Prague

Story & Photos by Diane Petrik



Al and Diane - Touring Vienna

I have been asked to bring forth a bit of our most recent European trip via the Viking Longship. This April, we had the opportunity to travel Prague and the Danube River, ending up in Budapest. We began our odyssey with three interesting days of touring the history and historic landmarks of this ancient eastern European city. Boarding our Viking craft in Regensburg, Germany, it sailed the Danube.

Along the way one of our stops was in Passau, Germany, a quaint small town near Vienna. As we wandered the streets we came across a marvelous custom hat shop called Edelweiss and

Rosenrot Hat shop. Look to the photo displaying an assortment of women's hats replicating the 20's and 30's era.



Hat Shop - Passau, Germany

Our next stop was Vienna for a couple nights. One evening we enjoyed listening to a Mozart and Strauss Concert, viewing traditional Austrian dancers.

We closed our trip with a day in Budapest, spending time at the Central Market Hall which was a huge two-story historic marketplace and famous tourist attraction before boarding our flights home. The food, the staff, the accommodations and all the activities were really first rate.



While board games like Monopoly and Sorry were popular indoor pursuits, what were the main four outdoor fun fads for kids of the 1930s?



Outdoors, jumping rope, playing tag, hopscotch, and sledding in the winter dominated kids' time.

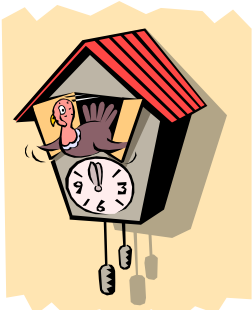


ON A FINAL NOTE...

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

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TURKEY!



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November 5, 2023 (Food Served At 12:00 PM)

\$34.⁰⁰ Per Person - Cash Bar Available
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Elburn Lions Community Park 500 Filmore Street Elburn, IL 60119

Send your Name, Phone Number, E-Mail Address, Check Payable to Illinois Region MARC/MAFCA, and Club Affiliation to: ILLINOIS REGION MARC/MAFCA, c/o Melinda Pritchett, 40W051 Sunflower Lane, Elgin, IL 60124

RSVP BY OCTOBER 20, 2021, Call Melinda at 630/842-7065 or E-Mail her at melindaborck@yahoo.com

BRING A DESSERT TO PASS!

UNION RAILROAD MUSEUM EXTRAVAGANZA



Story & Photos By ALAN PETRIK

On Sunday, August 6th, the Naper A's attend-
ed the annual Union Railroad Extravaganza.
A nice day in the 70's was enjoyed by all and
Gene took a ride on the Frisco Steam train.

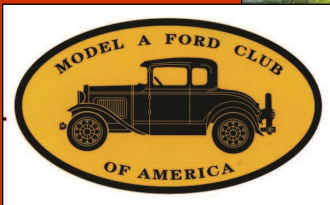
The museum has made many improvements over the
past couple years with an aggressive future growth
plan that includes a roundhouse, new storage barns,
and ancillary buildings. Members attending included
Gene Egert, Tom Eklund, Nick Mazzarella, Bob Veran-
do, and Alan Petrik.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Story & Photos By GENE EGERT & ALAN PETRIK

A beautiful day dawned for this years' Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. Once again, the Naper A's honored our veterans with rides through the Parade. Residents lined the streets with a crowd estimated at 25,000 standing to thank the vets for their service as they rode through the parade route. We furnished 10 member cars to the event, including Gar Williams, Jeff Carstens, Alan Petrik, Jerry Rigatos, Ed Danley, Tom Eklund, Gene Egert, Steve Paul, Jim Stulga, and Rick Burgermeister.



CLINTON MODEL A DAYS

Story by ALAN PETRIK & GENE EGERT

On Sunday June 4th, our merry band of Model A'ers set forth from the Speedway gas station in Batavia, headed for Model A Days, a fine summer event sponsored and managed by the Rockford A's. Member cars at the show in the photo from left to right were Steve Paul, Ron Olsen (and his grandson), Alan Petrik, Jim Stulga, Gene Egert, Tom Eklund, and Jerry Rigatos (car not in photo). The attendees agreed that the venue was better than Sharon as the majority of the cars were all on one street, there was a large flea market, crafts, and good food. The Swap Meet was well organized. It was decided after lunch that we would depart at one o'clock. This event will continue to be hosted in Clinton on the first Sunday in June each year. Jim Stulga had a dead battery (no problem push-starting a dead Model A!) and on our way home, no breakdowns occurred, just a nice drive in great company!

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



Hello once again, Model A'ers!
We've been enjoying a really active year in 2023, compared to our hunkered-down period of time during the Covid years...with lots of tours, shows, and tech sessions.
I'm particularly proud of the helpful showing we've enjoyed on our House Calls program and specifically for the work on Ken Jagodzinski's '29 Pickup. This month, you'll find an interim report on that project car, and we'll run a full recap in the next issue.
We've had very decent turnouts for our monthly Club meetings at the Warren Tavern throughout the year, and many thanks to all who have contributed snacks every evening or are signed up for the months ahead. Snacks always give us a good sendoff!



On Wednesday, May 24th, we organized a tour and left at 7:30 AM for Marengo to visit Mike Keller's B-17 restoration project. We had a contingent of 10 cars caravanning along, including Steve Paul, Gene Egert, Mike Bowen, Bob, Verando, Jim Weaver, Lindy Williams, Bob Fields, Ed Danley and Bob Mardity, Alan Petrik bringing along two fellow Corvette Club people, Frank and Jim, Jerry Rigatos, and daughter Stella along with Craig Herman and Dave Dawson, a local Huntley resident. We arrived at 9:15 for a tour of Mike's facility and got a history lesson on this particular, B-17 and its restoration. After this exciting visit, we proceeded to Papa G's restaurant in Huntley, for a feast of great food. We were joined by the owner of the B-17, Mike Keller, and his wife, Cheryl, along with John Juna, a volunteer mechanic. With full stomachs, we left the restaurant to drive home, which turned out to be an uneventful ride both to and from our destination with no breakdowns. And the weather was great that day! At left, this was me giving a Naper A's club donation of \$200.00 to B-17 owner Mike and his wife Cheryl.



USED CAR LOT



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1930 MODEL A HUCKSTER

- Location: Sunderland, Massachusetts 01375
- Mileage: 2,105
- Transmission: Manual, Engine Rebuilt
- Exterior: Red
- Interior: Brown Leather

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