

NAPER A'S



Model A Ford Club

P.O. Box 245 □ Naperville, IL 60566

January 3, 2017 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Noel DeLessio
Stu Carstens
Gordon Coleman
Gene Egert - *President*
Tom Eklund - *Vice President*

John Emmering
Dan Manola
Nick Mazarella - *Secretary*
Ron Olson
Steve Paul

Rich Volkmer
Jim Weaver
Lindy Williams - *Treasurer*



President Gene Egert gaveled the meeting on February 7, 2017 at 7:05 pm, and adjourned at 8:26 pm at the *Warren Tavern*. There were 13 people in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Treasurer Lindy Williams** reported the current

Meeting Snacks in 2017

January - Jim Weaver
February - Ron Olson
March - Dan Manola <<< Next
April- John Emmering
May- Stu Carstens



Ron Olson brought cake, cookies, and drinks to the meeting. Thanks **Ron!**

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2017 Christmas Dinner at The Bohemian Crystal is reserved for Sunday,

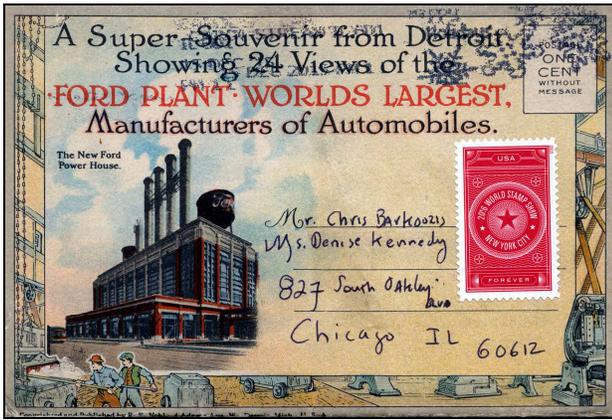
balance was \$2307.79. Transactions this month include \$75 to MAFCA, \$75 to MAFI, \$50 for DONKA to meet the goal of \$500 and \$96 for the Naper A's Squarespace web site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Nick Mazarella reported that Gordon Coleman's email address had changed and all emails are being rejected. **Nick** called Gordon and left a message reporting this.

June- Nick Mazarella
July- **Open** {ANY VOLUNTEER?}
August- Bill Johnson
September- Lindy Williams
October- Gene Egert
November- Pete Pope

December 3, 2017. Details will be determined as we get closer to the date.



NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Egert received a thank you letter from *Donka* for our donation of \$500.

Naper A's will take part on the **MAFCA 2017 Mileage Goal** for a goal of 100,000 miles. All members will log their miles. Members discussed more tour ideas for 2017. **"100K IN A MODEL A!"**

The usual tours were suggested along with some new ideas.

The list currently includes:

1. Annual Swap Meet at Friendly Ford, Sunday, March 19th.
2. The Dusenburg Museum in Auburn, IN
3. The Volo Car Museum in Volo, IL
4. Members' Garage Tour
5. Milwaukee Area Swap Meet Feb 26th
6. Annual Safety Check at Voegtel's Auto, May 13
7. Bloomington Overnight Tour, May 6th/7th
8. Rt. 66 Overnight Tour to Pontiac, IL
9. Long Grove, IL
10. Sharon WI Model A day in June 4th
11. Amboy, IL



The first Tuesday of July is the 4th Holiday so we will meet that month on the second **Tuesday on July 11th at 7:00 at the Warren Tavern.**



12. Memorial Day Parade
13. July 3RD Parade in Warrenville
14. White Pines in the Fall
15. Starved Rock



FEATURE PRESENTATION:

Guest speaker Mitch Frumkin gave a video presentation on the history of the Chicago Auto Show. This show is the 2nd longest running auto show in the U.S. Mitch's talk was accompanied by a power point presentation showing photos from the earliest days through today. Thank You Mitch for the great presentation!

Newsletter prepared and sent by Secretary **Nick Mazzarella**



Dealers and Web Sites to Note:



American Science and Surplus, <https://www.sciplus.com/> sells lots of interesting stuff for science experiments and projects. They are located at 33W361 Roosevelt Rd (Route 38), 1/4 mile east of Kirk Road.

Mail Truck in Oak Creek, WI has Model A parts at good prices. They operate on check only basis. You have to call to make an order and when you get the invoice you send a check for the amount. Then the parts get shipped. The prices make the effort worthwhile.

John Marshall Model A wheel drums in Peotone, IL - Need address or web site <<<<<<

A break shop in Wisconsin called **Rock Quiet Brakes** that do brakes for a very reasonable cost. The work has been excellent.

REX Radiator in Joliet still does copper/brass radiator rebuilding, and is one of only a few places that do this kind of work. **EPA** rules have made this business very expensive to conduct.

Antique Engine Rebuilding, 4835 Louise, Skokie, IL 60077. **Rich Fallucca** is the owner. Web site is...

<http://www.antiqueenginerebuilding.com/>

Rockauto at <https://www.rockauto.com> is a good online source for modern auto parts.

FunProjects, Excellent aftermarket cutouts and regulators by John Regan at

www.funprojects.com

Bert's Model A Center at <http://modelastore.com/> is another good source for hard to get Model A parts.

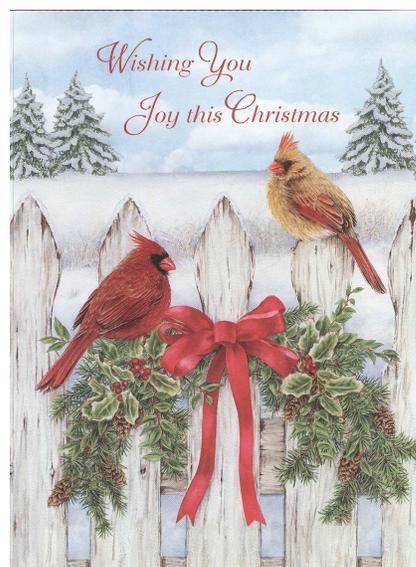
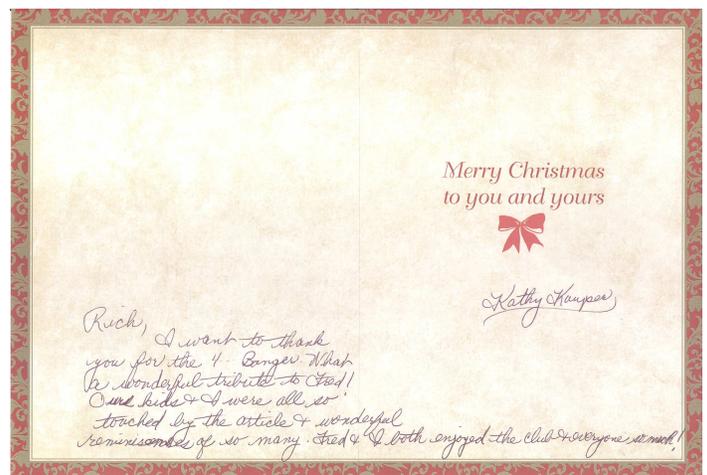
Winning Colors, 14409 Edison, New Lenox, IL 60451, phone: [815-462-4810](tel:815-462-4810) . Contact; Mark Cryer. They do powder coating of wheel/rims at reasonable prices.

The Henry Ford Archive web site:

<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/search-results#terms=Model%20a&f.type=photographs&years=0-0&perPage=10&pageNum=1&sortBy=relevance>



Fred and Kathy Kauper, Christmas 2015



Kathy sent this nice Christmas card following the memorial to Fred that we ran in the Fall 4-Banger.

FROM THE MAFCA ARCHIVES: The Correct Speed!

By Tom Endy

The speedometer is off:

If you have ever checked your speedometer against a road marker or on a Triple-A tread mill you might find that the old speedo reading on the dash is not quite accurate. The cause may be that you have the wrong speedo gear installed in the speedo housing on the torque tube. They come in three sizes, 17 teeth, 18 teeth, and 19 teeth. It is up to you to figure out which you are supposed to have. See Bratton's 2017 catalog, pages 105/106.

An overdrive installed:

If you have a Mitchell, Ryan, Borg-Warner, or Volvo overdrive installed and you are picking up the reading at the output of the overdrive, it could still be incorrect. Of course if you are still hooked up to the front of the torque tube you will be way out of the ballpark every time you shift into overdrive.

A correction adapter:

Back in the old days when modern cars had mechanical speedometers there were speedometer shops in almost every town that could correct a speedometer. However, with today's advanced technology most have gone out of business. Back then you could take your car to the neighborhood speedo shop and they would calculate what the error percent of your speedometer was and for a nominal fee they would install an adapter box with the correct gear ratio to correct the error. The box was half the size of a pack of cigarettes and had a standard speedometer cable input and output connection. The box was usually installed under the car somewhere and was

connected in series with the car's speedometer cable.

They are still available:

There is a company in Portland, OR that manufactures them and will assemble them according to the error factor they are provided with. You can obtain one from Bill Swigart, the fellow in Redding, CA who builds and markets Borg-Warner overdrives.

Bill Swigart:

There are two things you have to tell Bill when you order one. (1.) You have to know what your error factor is. For instance if the measured speed is 45 miles per hour and your speedometer is reading 52, you need to give Bill that information. (2.) You have to tell Bill which type speedometer cable is installed in your car. There are two versions that connect to the speedometer housing on the torque tube. One version has a round end with a key. The other version has a square end. Henry made the change just to confuse and confound future generations of Model A Ford hobbyist. You will also find that Bill's fee is very reasonable.

Bill Swigart

**9537 Peaceful Lane
Redding, CA 96003
530-221-1628**

The 29 Coupe:

I obtained an adapter box from Bill for my 29 coupe. I have a Borg-Warner overdrive installed and even though I had the speedometer cable connected to the speedo output of the overdrive it was still way off. I told Bill what the error factor was and which speedometer cable I had and he supplied a box with the correct gear ratio. I connected it between the standard speedometer cable and the extension cable that reaches the distance to the overdrive. Bill also supplies extension cables in case you need one.