

## Model A Ford Club

P.O. Box 245 o Naperville, IL 60566

### November 2, 2021 Minutes

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gordon Coleman  
John Emmering  
Tom Eklund—Vice President  
Bob Fields  
Ken Jagodzinski  
Al Junco

Bill Johnson  
Dan Manola  
Ray McMahon  
Ron Olsen  
Steve Paul  
Alan Petrik

John Richards  
Lindy Williams – *Treasurer*  
  
Craig Leifheit-Guest (Joliet Club)



**Vice-President Tom Eklund** gaveled the meeting to order in **Gene Egert's** absence on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm, and adjourned at 7:30 pm CDT. There were 15 people in attendance at the **Warren Tavern**.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

**Treasurer Lindy Williams** reported the current balance was \$2518.36. **Lindy** requested that all members send their \$25 dues for 2022 along with payment for the Christmas Brunch of \$15/person and any donation you can make for *DONKA*. He reminded the group that *DONKA* is a not-for-profit group that trains handicapped individuals computer skills to enhance their chance for employment.

#### Transactions last month include:

- \$8.00 monthly bank fee.
- \$20 Elwood Foundation donation
- \$25 dues refund to **Ken Lang's** family due to his passing
- \$50 reimbursement to **Gene Egert** for picnic
- \$50.00 door prizes for Christmas brunch
- \$100 deposit for Christmas Brunch
- Credits, \$350 from paid dues, Christmas brunch, and *DONKA* donations.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

**Secretary Nick Mazzarella** was away on personal business. Thanks to **Alan Petrik** for taking the minutes in **Nick's** place.

*Our next meeting is the year-end celebration is a brunch on December 5, 2021 at 11:30 at the Courtyard Restaurant in Warrenville.*



#### Meeting Snacks in 2021

Thanks to **Ray McMahon** for providing the November snacks.

January –NA  
February –NA  
March –NA  
April–NA  
May – Jim Weaver  
June– Bob Fields  
July– Tom Eklund  
August–Rick Burgermeister  
September– Ray McMahon  
October– Lindy Williams  
November– Ray McMahon <<<



#### January 2022–Jim Weaver

The December 5, 2021 Holiday Celebration is December 5 at the Courtyard Restaurant

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## OLD BUSINESS:

The tour to the 1879 ELWOOD House in DeKalb was reviewed.

The tour to Jay's Antiques in Delavan, WI on October 15 was reviewed.

A reminder that the annual *Illinois Region Model A Restorers Club* Turkey Dinner is on November 14 the *Elburn Lions Community Park*. RSVP were due by Nov 1 at \$26 per person. If you wish to attend, contact Melinda at 630-842-7065.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Bob Fields** will coordinate a tour to Marseilles, IL on Friday, November 12. The base plan is to meet at 9:00 AM at the Naperville *Home Depot* on Route 59 and 75th Street. Seven members raised their hands in interest for this drive. Watch for **Bob Fields'** emails.

There is no December Tuesday meeting. In its place we will have *Christmas Brunch*. The plan for a brunch instead of past years' dinners, we hope, will bring out a larger turnout. The restaurant is *Courtyard Banquets* at 3S200 Route 59 in Warrenville. It's located on the west side of Route 59 just south of Batavia Road. Cost is \$15 per person. You can pay at the door if you choose.

**Mileage Awards for 2021.** Lindy stated that **Gene Egert** will need your mileages soon, likely after the Nov 12 *Marseilles* drive. Stay tuned for more on this from Gene.

**Steve Paul** updated the group on the Bus Restoration project. His "T" Group visited the **Ehrenhofer's** shop in past weeks. They are planning to install seats over the winter. We still do not know when they need help as our club has offered to supply labor to them.

**Tom Eklund** asked for all members to be looking forward to our January meeting, which will be Tuesday January 4, 2022, and to be able to discuss planning for 2022 season including tech sessions and potential drives. Some early ideas are: a breakdown of **Ed Danley's** old motor, a drive and tour to the *Algonquin Radiator Factory*.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Tour to Marseilles on November 12
- Joint Model T, A, and Early V8 cruise TBD
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 14 at Elburn Lions Club
- Christmas Brunch at the Courtyard Restaurant, Saturday, December 5



## TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS:

**Lindy** updated status and base plan for helping **Ed Danley** and his motor replacement. The motor given to him from **Gene** has been broken down and determined to be a good candidate for a mechanics rebuild. **Dan Manola** is grinding the valve seats and assembly may start next week subject to painting and parts availability. Due to pending cold temperatures, the plan is to trailer Ed's car to **Gene Egert's** garage for a two-day engine replacement. **Bob Fields** has volunteered to trailer Ed's car to Gene's garage. More to come on this plan.

**Ken Jagodzinski** mentioned his use headlight reflector polish/cleaner.

### Parts Needed:

- ♦ **Craig Leifheit** asked for a camshaft.
- ♦ **Ron Olsen** mentioned he may have a serviceable one.
- ♦ **Ron Olsen** needs two or three 19 inch wheels.
- ♦ **Bob Fields** needs a distributor.



**Lindy Williams** restoring his 1930 business







[k7k6nqo51/mail-truck-model-a-parts](http://www.k7k6nqo51/mail-truck-model-a-parts).

**Naylor Automotive Engineering** for bonded relining. 4685 Knox Ave, Chicago. 773-582-6900, <http://www.natlorautomotive.net>

**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.

**Rock Quiet Brakes** in Wisconsin do brakes at reasonable costs. Reports say the work has been excellent.

**FUN Projects** Excellent aftermarket cutouts and regulators by John Regan at [www.funprojects.com/](http://www.funprojects.com/)

**Bert's Model A Center** is a good source for hard to get Model A parts. [Http://modelastore.com](http://modelastore.com)

**SPEED POWDER Coatings** is a reasonable source for powder coatings. See [www.speedpowder.com](http://www.speedpowder.com). Located at 870 Hawthorne Lane, Unit C, West Chicago, IL 60185. Ph. 630-549-0657, cell 309-369-6254

**Winning Colors** do powder coating of wheels/rims at reasonable prices. 14409 Edison, New Lenox, IL 60451, Phone 815-462-4810

**Herb's Glass, and Mirror**, Phred Hollister. Replacement safety glass for Model As. 737 W. Chicago, St, Elgin, IL 60123 847-888-4527, [www.herbsglass.com](http://www.herbsglass.com)

## Dealers, Vendors & Web Sites to Note:

**Al's Radiator Repair**, 9521 Ogden Ave, Brookfield, IL 708-485-0362.

**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.

**DLT Upholstery**, <https://www.dltcorporation.com/> sells automotive interior materials and tools at reasonable prices. 27735 Diehl Road, Warrenville, IL 60555. 1(800) 458-3500.

**Elburn Radiator and Repair**. Bert Velhuiszen, 1 S. 1st St, Elburn, IL 60119, 630-365.5800.

**Randy Gross**, 16411 Shoemaker Ave, Cerritos, CA 90703 714-292-8660, [melmod-ela@aol.com](mailto:melmod-ela@aol.com)

Starters, generators, alternators, brake drums, modern steering unit.

**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. Web link: **GOING OUT OF BUSINESS** <http://start.cortera.com/company/research/>

## Securing Windshield Snaps

Idea by David Adair, Oregon City, Oregon

Illustration by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

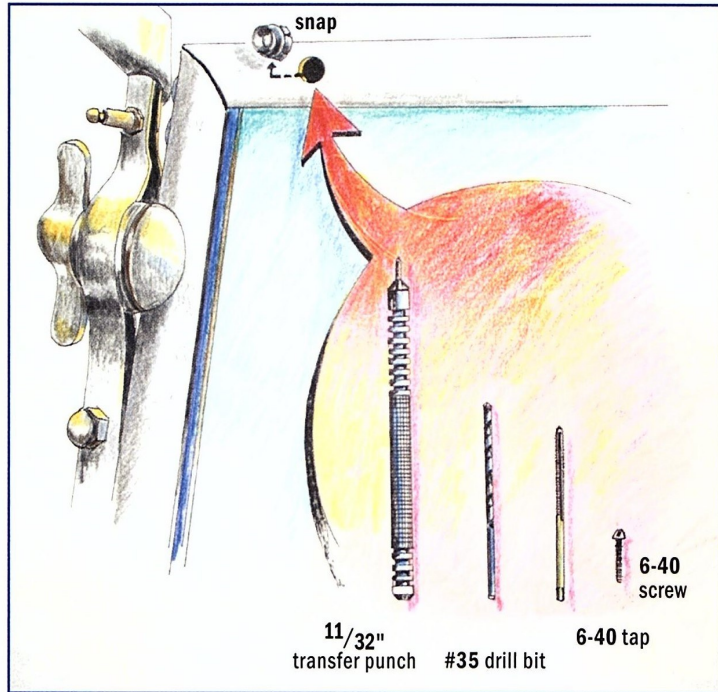
**Tiny Tips**  
From MAFCA Members

**F**OR PHAETONS AND ROADSTERS, the snaps that lock into the top of the windshield frame do not always stay in place. I have had to replace all of the snaps more than once.

An upholsterer recommended the snap be set with a punch. This (in theory) flares the sides out and locks it into place. After a couple tries with the punch, I tried epoxy. This worked a little better, but the snaps still came loose.

This got me thinking. I came up with the idea of holding the snap into the socket with a 6-40 screw. I marked the center of the hole with a transfer punch, drilled this out with a #35 drill bit, and tapped this to take a 6-40 machine screw.

- The transfer punch needs to be inserted into the hole in the front window frame and used to indent the partition inside of the frame. Use the bit to drill the hole for the screw.



- The center of the snap needs to be drilled out with the same bit, making sure the resulting hole is centered in the snap
- Using the 6-40 tap, carefully cut threads in the internal frame partition, which holds the glass in place.
- Insert the snap into the hole in the frame and secure it with the 6-40 screw. ☹

*If you have a helpful tip about Model A restoration or maintenance to share with MAFCA members, please send it, with a photo or sketch, to the MAFCA office: 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 or email to: Restorer@mafca.com*