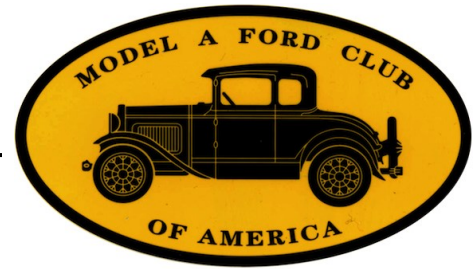


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Model A Ford Club

October 1, 2019 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Burgermeister
Stu Carstens
Bruce Cejka *
Ed Danley
Wayne Decker
Mike Durec
Gene Egert — *President*
Tom Eklund — *Vice President*

Paul Herbert
Dan Manola
Tom Marks
Nick Mazarella - *Secretary*
Ray McMahon
Ron Olsen
Steve Paul
Tim Perfitt
Pete Pope

Gary Pradel
Tim Shackelford
Jim Weaver
Gar Williams
Lindy Williams — *Treasurer*



President Gene Egert gaveled the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm,

and adjourned at 8:10 pm at the *Warren Tavern*. There 22 people in attendance.

*New member **Bruce Cejka** lives in Warrenville. He inherited a 1930 pickup from his father that has been in storage for 20 years. **Welcome Bruce!**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Lindy Williams reported the current balance was \$1756.97

Transactions last month:

One deposit for \$20.00 from **Gar Williams** who donated proceeds from a sale of a radiator.

Payment of \$50.00 for 2 years dues from **John Ryan**

And \$50.00 for picnic supplies.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Nick Mazarella will remove **Ron Olsen's** cell phone number from the club roster.

NOTE: <<<<<<<

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM at the usual place, Warren Tavern, 2nd Ave, in Warrenville, IL
We will have 2020 officer selection at the November meeting.



Meeting Snacks in 2019

January – Jim Weaver

February – Tom Eklund

March – Ron Olsen

April – John Emmering

May – Stu Carstens

June 4 – Pete Pope

July 2 – Ray McMahon

August 7 – Gene Egert

September 4 – Larry Beneschek

October 1 – Gar Williams

November 6 – Mike Durec << Next

No meeting in December

Many thanks to Gar Williams for the snacks and drinks!



The club received a Thank You card from **Ron Olsen and family** for the flowers sent at **Albert Olsen's** memorial.

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual Naper A's picnic at *Cantigny Park* was well attended. In fact 12 people were expected and 22 showed up! That's great except we almost didn't have enough food. We need to have a better count next year.

Tim Perfitt thanked everyone who came to house to help repair his brakes. He can drive safely now!

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Benishek had knee surgery on September 30. He is convalescing at home. Get well soon **Larry!**

Paul Herbert will do a photo presentation at the November 5 Naper A's meeting on his trip to *Normandy Beach* on the 75th anniversary of the *D-Day Landing*. **Larry Benishek** will supply a projector.

To reduce costs, we will have a 3 meat selection at the Christmas dinner this year.

Gene received a letter from an organization asking for donation to help youths who are actively restoring Model As. Paul Herbert moved that we donate \$100. The group approved it and Lindy will mail a check.

Gene received a free honor membership flyers for *Cantigny*. Any veteran can apply.

All driving to White Pines on October 20 will meet at the *Speedway Gas Station* at Kirk Rd and Wilson in Batavia . The group will leave at 8:00 sharp. Get there early enough.

Gene Egert will have his cell phone. If are late or need assistance call **Gene** at (630) 802-2616.

Upcoming events for November/December

- Annual Naper A's White Pines State Park Tour October 20.
- Annual Illinois Valley Thanksgiving Dinner November 3.
- Annual Naper A's Christmas Dinner December 8.

See the *Model A Club Dates List for 2019* emailed with these minutes for all upcoming scheduled events and tours.



TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS:

Its time to check your cooling system and drain it or fill it with antifreeze before the cold weather comes. Do this to prevent getting a cracked water jacket!

Ray McMahon sent an email showing a Model A gas tank pealed opened at the top to demonstrate how the internal baffels are arranged. Its becomes obvious that trying clean out sediment and corrosion is difficult. The best method is to open the tank at the top clean

it out and seal it and then reweld the cover. Considering the expertise required this is not a typical do it yourself job.

Paul Herbert is having speedometer problems. He took it out of the car and attached the cable to a drill to see if it moved freely. Paul is seeing no movement. However in the car the meter oscillates in wider and wider arcs. It looks like the internal movement is faulty.



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

REX Radiator in Joliet and several other locations 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.

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/

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. 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

Let Nick know if you've found a source to recommend to Club Members!

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.

Randy Gross, 16411 Shoemaker Ave, Cerritos, CA 90703 714-292-8660, 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** <https://start.cortera.com/company/research/k7k6nqo5l/mail-truck-model-a-parts>

John Marshall Model A wheel drums sales and service in Peotone, IL Phone [708-258-](tel:708-258-)

Model A Mishaps:

By Garth Shreading

The Case of the Misplaced Distributor Screw

The engine began cutting out ... but only on right-hand turns.



ONE DAY I GOT THE IDEA to take my wife and my '30 Coupe to California's central coast. It would be just us, enjoying a few relaxing days. The weather was sunny and warm. Being early fall, the crowds were down from the summer highs. There'd be perfect weather, scenery, and roads for some memorable Model A driving.

EVERYTHING SEEMED IDEAL ... and then it began. The Coupe briefly cut out — then resumed.

"Umm," I said, "that was different."

For the next few miles she was back to her old self, purring like Henry made her.

But soon she did it again ... and again ... and again.

She would briefly die completely, then immediately take off like nothing was wrong.

Janet commented that it seemed to occur only on right hand turns, which was indeed the case.

I started picturing what wire would be vibrating in such a way to short out on those right-hand turns.

Then (as we all knew was going to happen) I made the final right turn.

HAS SOMETHING GONE SERIOUSLY WRONG, or humorously wrong, while driving or working on a Model A? Email a high-resolution photo or two and your true Model A Mishaps story of no more than 500 words to MAFCAeditor@gmail.com.

She cut out ... but this time did not start up again. I pulled over, popped the distributor cap ... and remembered what had happened a year or two earlier. While doing some work on the distributor, I had misplaced a screw securing the bottom plate. Surely this wasn't the problem?

AS SOON AS I REMOVED the upper plate, there it was, bright and shiny: the lost screw. It was situated in just the right spot to allow enough movement that on right turns, it would roll next to the pigtail and short the ignition system. As soon as I straightened out, it would roll back, allowing the engine to restart.

SINCE THEN, EVERY TIME I pull an upper plate of a distributor, I pay close attention to make sure nothing is there that doesn't belong. ☹

Garth Shreading, with his wife, Janet, recently moved from Texas to Montana. He has served nationally as Treasurer, President, and Chapter Coordinator. He bought his first Model A, a 1930 De Luxe Coupe, in 1996.

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