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LAKESHORE MODEL A  CLUB
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

1930 Model A Ford Sports Coupe owned by Walt and Carol Hutkowski



*After a complete restoration in 2002, the Ford has been driven
2000 miles in two years.*

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From the Editor

MARC expects each of its Regions to be fully staffed with willing officers. In this department, the Lakeshore Model A Ford Club is failing to meet minimum standards as a region of MARC.

In the coming months, I plan to suggest steps our club could take to encourage more active participation of the members.

Our current dues level is barely high enough to cover the cost of operating the club. Our account is slowly depleting as we tend to spend more than is taken in. It is inappropriate for us to spend reserve funds on parties, dinners or entertainment for the members, especially when all members do not take equal advantage of such opportunities. I do support rewarding members for participating in club events as we have this year.

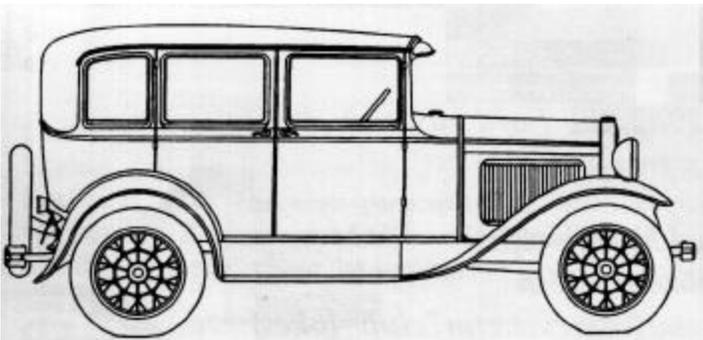
I would like the Board to consider two membership categories based on member participation, one at \$15 and another at \$25 per year dues.

Club Officers, Board Chairman, Board Members, Historian, Editor, Sunshine Chairperson, etc., should receive a monetary gift certificate from the club for each year that member serves.

While Ron and Gloria print the newsletter with no hesitation, The club should regard printing costs a club responsibility. We should be more aggressive in supporting Ron and Gloria by seeking ways to reduce printing labor and expenses. One way to do that is to furnish the Gravity Feed online and stop mail delivery to those who consent. Thirty-five members have access to the Internet and can view the newsletters in color right now.

Best wishes to the Lakeshore Model A Ford Club as we enjoy the ending of this year and the arrival of the new. See you in the spring.

Fred Hauck



Upcoming Events; Y2K+5

January 12 meeting is at Ayers Printing. The regular meeting room at Hawn Heating will not be available for January, therefore, the first meeting of the year will be hosted by Ron and Gloria Ayers at their business at 2380 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road at 7:30 p.m. they are one mile east of BJ's Club near East Henrietta Rd., on the Brighton side. See a map on page 6.

February 16 Regular meeting at Hawn's
Presentation by Meghan Barrett. (Jr. program)
Barretts and MacBrides

February ?? Ice skating Party and dinner
Krons and MacBrides

March 9 Regular indoor meeting at Hawn's

Please examine our preliminary schedule on page 7 as further events are planned.

Lakeshore Model "A" Ford Club Financial Report Nov. 2004

Balance brought forward 11/11/04	\$900.15
Income:	
Membership Dues MacBride,	
Heaney	\$30.00
Christmas Dinners	\$80.00
Planning Meeting Dinners	<u>\$170.00</u>
Total	\$280.00
Expenses:	
Reprint of D&C story	\$4.95
Scrapbook fillers	\$1.80
MAFCA membership	\$30.00
Planning meeting dinners	\$250.00
Cake for planning meeting	\$12.99
Cider and plastic bags for planning meeting	\$4.12
Christmas dinners	\$80.00
Participation awards	\$121.00
Gift certificates	\$102.00
Directors award plaque	<u>\$64.95</u>
Total	\$671.81
New Balance 12/5/04	\$508.34

Balance brought forward 11/11/04 \$215.00

Membership dues Mc Neil,
Stoneham \$30.00

New Balance 12/5/04 \$245.00



2004 DIRECTOR'S AWARD TO GLORIA & RON AYERS

As club director, one of the most difficult things on the "to do list" each year is selection of the recipient of the **Lakeshore Model A Ford Club Director's Award**. This year it was an easy decision. The award was presented at our annual Christmas Party.

Gloria and Ron Ayers have been club members "a long time". MAFCA recently recognized them for 30 years of membership. During their Lakeshore membership, they have been active event participants, hosted many club events, welcomed us into their home on many occasions, and served as club officers.

Ron and Gloria have also produced our nationally recognized *Gravity Feed* club newsletter for many years. They took a newsletter that Paul Heaney and your current director ran on competing Kodak and Xerox copiers and converted the *Gravity Feed* to a professional publication produced on quality paper stock and complete with many club pictures. Additionally, they took on the distribution role for the club. This year, in addition to the *Gravity Feed*, they have produced several special mailings including the Lakeshore invitations and programs for our 30th anniversary celebration.

The Director's Award is one small way of expressing our appreciation to deserving club members. On behalf of all Lakeshore members, **We "Thank You" Gloria and Ron for adding so much to our club over the years.**

Jim MacBride Director-2004

Model A Story

By Walt Hutkowski

Life on our family farm in western Massachusetts led me to an interest in machines and how they work. After listening to the stories my Dad and Uncle told about owning and running their own Model A, I was open to buying a 1930 Model A Ford Sports Coupe from a fellow classmate in 1961.

My Dad and I worked at getting it in better shape. We tuned up the engine, made some running boards, installed a new canvas top, and painted the car with a spray gun that was used on the farm. The car was driven off-and-on until 1985 when the timing gear broke and the engine needed a complete overhaul.

Our kids were in college then and my work took me to South Carolina, so we stored the car in my Dad's tobacco barn till 2000. By that time, our kids settled in New York State and I had retired from GE, so we decided to move closer to our kids.

One fall day in 2001, my wife and I were out riding around and came across a Model A event taking place on the Bloomfield Commons. We stopped and talked with several members who were very welcoming and enthusiastic about my un-restored Model A. Shortly thereafter, I joined the Lakeshore Model A Club and got lots of valuable help and information on how to begin restoration.

The car was completely disassembled during the summer of 2002 and then re-assembled with new bearings, seals, fenders, running boards, canvas top, upholstery, and then professionally repainted. It was a year filled with fun and frustration.

We have now enjoyed over 2,000 miles of fun touring in our restored car. Many thanks to all the Model A club members who have been supportive and always there with a helping hand.

RECAP FROM THE PLANNING MEETING

By Tom Smith

For those who were unable to attend this meeting I thought there was a need for me to write to the membership.

All in all I thought the meeting went well, nineteen members were in attendance. Great ideas came out for discussion to plan for next years events. With the help of all the volunteers to chair or co-chair an event, the calendar for 2005 for the most part is in good shape. Additional ideas are always welcome; we may be able to fit them in to complete the calendar.

After the planning portion was over our director spoke to us about the need for a member to step forward to fill the vacancy for assistant director and secretary.

As a past director for 2 years I'm asking each of you to consider taking one of these open positions. Your help is needed to keep the club alive. I can assure you that the jobs are not as difficult as everyone thinks they are.

Please give Jim McBride or myself a call if you are willing to help keep your club alive.

FEBRUARY WINTER ICE SKATING PARTY

A winter ice skating party was suggested at our November planning meeting. Two of our more (energetic, crazy, are you sane?, adventurous) lady members quickly volunteered to lead the event-Sharon Kron and Ann Marie MacBride. Several others thought it might be fun to watch some of us make fools of ourselves sliding on the ice on our rear bumpers. A good dinner afterward would add to the enjoyment.

Details: While the schedule is incomplete at this time, it will be an indoor skating event with rental skates available (RIT, MCC, etc.) Currently, the rinks do not have their schedules available. Our hosts will provide further details at the January and/or February regular meetings. Please call Sharon or Ann Marie to express your interest in skating, watching, and/or eating after the New Year.

The Director's "State Of The Club" January, 2005 Update

Prognosis: Happy New Year! The year 2004 was a pretty good year. Our club had many fun activities and our attendance level was quite good. We had ups (like the 30th Anniversary party) and downs (like Rochester's cancellation of our car show at Charlotte) but we now look forward to an even more active and healthy 2005. A special **Thank You** to all who hosted events and/or served as officers in the club this past year.

Sunshine Club: Please send your cards and prayers to Donna and Bill Albert, Carol and Stu Caswell's daughter and son-in-law. They were severely injured in an automobile accident in Georgia in November. Our club also sends best wishes for speedy recoveries to Lea Hauck (bleeding ulcer), Teresa Heaney (Joan & Paul's daughter-in-law) injured by a lacrosse ball as a game spectator, and our daughter-in-law (Dee-Ann MacBride) down with the second occurrence of shingles in four months. Please let **Lois Hawn**, our Sunshine Lady, know of members in need of an appropriate card from the Club.

Fourth Quarter Activities:

Fall Foliage Run: We can select a day for our annual Fall Foliage Run but we cannot guarantee the color of the leaves, the amount of sunshine, or the weather. October 24th can best be described as a "Buffet"-we had a little of everything and a lot of fun. Special **Thanks to Carol and Stu Caswell** for coordinating and hosting this unusual and delightful event.

The day began with a 9:30 AM departure from Union Street just North of the Erie Canal in Spencerport and a trouble free drive to Watt Farm, near Albion. The group then assembled for a very tasty and filling apple pancake buffet breakfast complete with sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, eggs, muffins, a variety of desserts, flavored coffees, and juices.

After breakfast, many of the ladies took time to shop in the well stocked gift area. The men went outside to look at the Model A's in the parking lot. It was good to see **Lewis Tombari** and his rumble seat coupe there. Lewis, from Lyndonville, is probably our most "Western" club member and the Albion area gave him a chance to join in the festivities. We enjoyed

seeing the many "official auto accessories" on his car-especially the airplane propeller radiator cap.

The next item on the buffet line was a short drive to Childs, where, through prior arrangement, we met the Western NY Model T Club and their visitors-the Toronto Area Model T Club. The Ford T's were participating in a 3-day tour of the area. The parking lot behind the old (1834) cobblestone church filled up quickly with Model T's, Model A's, and a variety of other antique vehicles including a Baker Electric from Canada. We enjoyed meeting and making new friends. We have had preliminary discussions and hope to schedule a joint meet with the Model T club in 2005. **Thanks to Ann and Nate Oaks**, members of both the T and A clubs, for helping to arrange this initial meeting. When the Model T group departed for lunch, the Lakeshore Club was offered the opportunity to tour the cobblestone village of Childs. The tour included the 1834 church, the parsonage next door, the old one room school house (with matching outhouses for the boys and girls), the blacksmith shop, the harness shop, the print shop, and the farmers grange. Our guide provided excellent descriptions of the church and school house and great commentary throughout the village. Note: At this point your Director counted 28 members and 9 Model A's in attendance along the way.

It was not a pretty day for leaf watching so the indoor activities helped take the chill out and keep us dry. After Childs, a more limited group drove north to Brown's Berry Patch for hot coffee and snacks. As we departed for home, **Shirley and Bob Rheinwald** suggested a stop at "Ridge Road Station" on the way back East to Rochester. What a place! Having never been there before, Ann Marie and I fell in love with the displays of electric trains, scale model autos, and a million decorative items. Within a week, we had returned to do our Christmas shopping for the grandchildren. **Thanks Shirley and Bob. I am sending you the bill.**

This years Fall Foliage Run was truly a "buffet", starting with breakfast and concluding with stops at four more interesting places, a meeting of three car clubs, and a varying size of the group from 6 to 28 Model A Club members plus our Model T friends.

So, who needs colored leaves, bright sun, and

warm, dry weather to have fun with a Model A Ford in upstate New York?

November Planning Meeting: Nineteen club members attended our annual planning meeting. We met in a heated lodge in a town park in Ogden, just north of the Erie Canal. A **Thank You** to **Stu Caswell** for arranging the very tasty German dinner catered by Schwan Market. The roast pork, meatloaf, potatoes, and sauerkraut along with great pre-dinner munchies and after dinner cake and coffee hit the spot. The primary outcome of the day was a working outline of

2005 club events. A separate article in this Gravity Feed shows our preliminary 2005 schedule.

December Christmas Party. Thanks to Karen & John Martin and Joan & Paul Heaney for planning and hosting this year's event. Due to Gravity Feed production schedules, this article had to be written prior to the party. Highlights will be provided in the next Gravity Feed.

Jim MacBride Director

Lakeshore Historical Perspectives

Model A Times: A new Model A magazine was sent to us this month. *Model A Times* is a 48 page black & white quarterly listed at \$25.00 per year. It features articles, pictures, and advertisements from Model A suppliers. We will put Vol. 1 Issue 1 in our library at Hawn's. If interested, send checks or credit card data to: Model A Times, 5402 Evan Ct., Rocklin, CA 95765

The A Preserver On File: Current issues of this periodical are being filed in our new "Club Library" at Hawn's for your reading pleasure.

Club Scrapbook: Your historians, **Ann Marie and Jim MacBride** are continuing to collect photographs provided by members for inclusion in the 2004 Club Scrapbook. Thank you for your contributions. We are now up-to-date for 2004 and back filling some recent 2003 photos recently received. If you have pictures to add to the club history book, please get them to us. The 2003-2004 book will be

kept in Lakeshore's library at Hawn's.

Dash Plaques: We are making a large display board containing our club dash plaques used during our 30 year history. Plaques include Lakeshore's annual Charlotte shows and various over-night trip plaques created for these special events. **Thanks to Tom Smith** who has volunteered to design and create this significant addition to our club's recorded history. When completed, it will be on display at Hawn's and available to bring to special club events.

Longevity Recognition: MAFCA, in their Nov./Dec. issue of *The Restorer* paid recognition to the Lakeshore Chapter (30 Years), and to **Ron Ayers** (30 Years), **Paul & Joan Heaney** (30 Years) and **Rose Stoneham** (30 Years). **Congratulations.**

Ann Marie & Jim MacBride
Lakeshore Club Historians
December, 2004

Map to get to January 12th meeting at Ayers Printing



2005 PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

At the November, 2004 Planning Meeting, participants put together the following "tentative" schedule for 2005. Dates, event planners, and details as they currently exist follow. Non-club events of interest are also shown (indicated by *). Let us know of additional non-club events of interest or new club events to add to the calendar.

DATE	EVENT-LOCATION	EVENT PLANNERS
1/12/05	Plans changed for January; See Events	
2/16/05	Indoor @ Hawns -3 rd Wed- M Barrett -Jr.Program	Barrett's/MacBride's
Feb TBD	Ice Skating Party & Dinner	Kron's/MacBride's
3/9/05	Indoor-@ Hawns- 7:30 PM-Program TBD	MacBride's
3/13/05 *	Spring Fling (Ford V-8 Club)-- Lakeshore Table	???
3/16/05	Short Track Pancake Run (Wednesday Event)	???
4/13-16 *	MARC Membership Meet- St Louis, MO	MARC
April TBD	Kittelberger Florist Tour & Pancake Brunch	P Reger's/Hauk's
5/8/05	Ham & Leak Run-Canaseragua (Mothers Day ?)	Caswell's
5/11/05	Indoor-@ Hawns- 7:30 PM	MacBride's
May TBD	Burke's Packard Collection Run and Lunch	MacBride's
June ? *	MARC National Meet-Indianapolis IN-Date TBD	MARC
6/8/05	Indoor-@ Hawns-7:30 PM-Program TBD	MacBride's
6/11/05	Buffalo Tour (Niagara Region & Model T's ??)	Kron's/MacBride's
6/25/05	Charlotte Harborfest Car Show	Caswell's
7/2/05	Oaks Corners Picnic (With Model T Club?)	Oak's
July TBD	Hawn's Picnic @ Canandaigua	Hawn's
Aug TBD	Corn Roast @ Niagara Model A Region	Minoia
Aug TBD	Car Rally	Heaney's
9/4/05	Dansville Balloon Fest (Southern Tier A's)	Avery's/MacBride's
9/10/05 *	Wampsville Show (Not Club Event)	Contact: D. Pulhamus
9/14/05	Indoor-@ Hawns- 7:30 PM- Program TBD	MacBride's
10/4-8/05*	Fall Hershey (AACA Event)	AACA
10/12/05	Indoor-@ Hawns-Tape on Panama Canal- 7:30PM	MacBride's-Kron's
10/16/05	Fall Foliage Run-Steam Shovel & Pumpkin Toss	Kron's
10/23/05	Foliage Backup Date (weather) or Medina RR	Kron's
Nov TBD	2006 Planning Meeting (Format/Location TBD)	Board of Directors
11/30/05 *	MAFCA Membership Meeting-Sacramento, CA	MAFCA
Dec TBD	Christmas Party (Format/Location TBD)	Rheinwald's/P Reger's

Note: Event details (Date, Time, Place, Reservations, Cost, Contact Person) need to be sent to Fred Hauk for inclusion in the Gravity Feed based on the following schedule:

Event Dates	Due Date	Gravity Feed Issue
Jan 15-March 15	Dec. 15	Jan-Feb
March 15-May 15	Feb. 15	March-April
May 15-July 15	April 15	May-June
July 15-Sept 15	June 15	July-Aug
Sept 15- Nov 15	Aug 15	Sept-Oct
Nov 15-Jan 15	Oct 15	Nov-Dec



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The *Lakeshore Model A Ford Club*, a Charter Region of the *Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC)*, and a Chapter of the *Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)*, was founded on May 4, 1974. The purpose of the Club is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the original Model A Ford automobile.

Regular meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM (excluding the summer months) at Hawn Heating and Air Conditioning, 277 North Winton Road, Rochester, NY. The club participates in activities with neighboring Regions of MARC, and tours locally on a monthly basis throughout the summer.

NATIONAL CLUBS

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