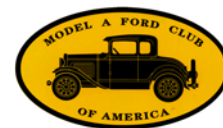




The Starter



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Salt Creek Chapter Model A Ford Club of America



There was a lot of inspection and review of members' cars and parts during the Garage Tour. We were blessed with a picture-perfect day and a good number of us came out to enjoy it.



Salt Creek Model A Club
newsletter c/o M. Bernard

Aurora, IL 60502



See you at the next club meeting May 21st

Salt Creek Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

The Salt Creek Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Model A Ford. Dues are \$20.00 per year. Model A ownership is **not** required.

The Chapter business meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Buck's Pit Stop 6501 Kane Avenue, Hodgkins, Illinois. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

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Please visit us online at www.saltcreekas.org

Visit the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) national organization at www.mafca.com

The Model A Ford Museum, managed by the Model A Ford Foundation Inc., (MAFFI) has lots of great pictures and information at www.maffi.org

Our 2024 Officers are:

President: Ken Strysick
Vice President: Sam Fitzpatrick
Treasurer: Nate Dust
Secretary: Greg Mummert

The Starter Editor is Ken Dust

The Starter postal mailing is handled by
Mike Bernard

Refreshment Schedule

May	July	August
G. Morel	Passanante	Poetter
Mummert	Perillo	Ringbloom
Palmisano	Pirtle	Ruska

If you will not be able to contribute, please call Cynda Strysick so she can enlist someone else.

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Newsletter Contributor Schedule

June	July	August
DeCicco	Dilger	N. Dust
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Can be anything you'd like to share, mostly related to the Model A. (All items returned, if requested.)
Next issue deadline is **June 3rd** Send your contributions to Ken Dust at

LaGrange Pet Parade

Saturday, June 1st

We are signed up for the Parade but we don't have our position number yet. All we can pass along now is to schedule your morning to arrive at the intersection of 47th Street and LaGrange Road/Mannheim Road (US 45) at 8:30 AM. Once there we'll be directed where to go once we have our number. The Parade kicks off at 9:30 so we need to be in position well before that.



Burr Ridge Senior Center Visit

Saturday, June 8th, 10 AM to Noon

Join us for a morning with residents of this senior living facility at 16W301 91st St, Burr Ridge. We have members who live here and they and their friends would enjoy having a bunch of us stop by and show off our Model A's. Typically we enjoy some refreshments, share our experiences, and talk about our cars. All are welcome. Afterwards we will head on over to the Chicago Waffle House for lunch. Reach out to Donna Suffecool if you have any questions,

Western Springs Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27th

Meet at the home of members Bill & Mary Ann Kucik, Western Springs for coffee and refreshments starting about 8 AM. Around 9:30-ish we'll head out to line up for the parade which kicks off at 10:00. Following the parade, there will be a brief VFW observance ceremony on the Tower Green, however many of us usually keep driving and go out to lunch at a nearby restaurant.

President's Message

It's Here. Model A driving season has arrived in our area. I hope everyone has their "A" ready to go! FYI mine is not. Parts have been procured and our major home project is winding down so I hope to get On the Job soon. That brings up the fact that some of our members need a little help getting their "A" ready to go. Some of our go-to members are no longer able. So, if you are available to help a fellow member, please let us know. We need helpers for minor get-ready-for-the-season things, not major overhauls. If you are needing help, let us know also, so we can play matchmaker and get all our A's on the road this summer. This is a good time to let Greg Mummert know your mileage so you can get one of our Mileage Award Patches. Drive Safe and keep those miles and the smiles going.

Ken Strysick

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MEMBERS MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA SALT CREEK CHAPTER APRIL 16th, 2024

A meeting of members of the Model A Ford Club of America, Salt Creek Chapter (the "Club") was held on April 16th, 2024, at Buck's Pit Stop, Hodgkins, IL. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Ken Strysick who acted as Chairman of the meeting. All officers of the Club were present. The attendance sign-in sheet of members was reviewed and a quorum of 34 members was present for the meeting to proceed. The Club's Secretary recorded the minutes.

The Chairman inquired of the members whether there were any additions or corrections of the member meeting minutes for March as printed in the April 2024 *Starter*. Hearing none, upon motion duly made by Terry McGinnis and seconded by Mike Bernard, the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer was requested to present his report for March 2024 through April 16th, 2024. He summarized receipts and disbursements for the foregoing period noting *Starter* printing and postage expenses, badge fines, meeting room charges. Upon motion made by Mike Bernard and seconded by Tom Suffecool, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Chairman then requested **Chairperson Committee Reports:**

- **Sunshine** - Steve Speakman is healing well after having rotator cuff surgery, Mel Marwitz had a heart attack and is recovering at home, Belinda Dust is improving and hoping to wrap up her therapy soon. Tom Suffecool was at our meeting this evening and doing much better. John Weiser is continuing to improve after throat surgery.
- **Refreshments** provided tonight by Joe and Theresa Manfre, Terry McGinnis, and courtesy of the club's donation jar.
- **Membership** - Ilene Schauer was not present - no guests or new members this month.
- **Starter** - Ken Dust briefly discussed the April issue which has a cover picture of a group of boys examining a Model A which was sunken in the dirt. Other article submissions are always welcome.
- **Pie Wagon** - Tom Palmisano and Terry McGinnis - the Pie Wagon is resting at the Beller Museum and ready for use.
- **Mileage Awards** - Greg stated that if members want to participate in the Mileage program, only your current mileage is necessary to start. Since we are at the beginning of driving season, this is a good time to reach out to him.
- **MAFFI** - The Chairman indicated that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) is looking for a donation from clubs for the MAFFI museum expansion.

Old Business

- Clarendon Hills 100th Centennial - Carlton Berg is coordinating an event with Clarendon Hills 100th Centennial which is Saturday June 15th. They are looking to host at least four of our cars and they would donate \$75 per car to our club (up to 4) we could add to our treasury.
- Tours - Bill Boyce is leading a tour on Sunday May 19th to the Volo Museum, we will be meeting at the bank at 10 AM. The 17th Annual Illinois Red Carpet Tour takes place the weekend of May 4th, we will meet at the meet at the Joliet Route 66 museum 9 AM. Plan to drive part of Illinois Route 66 and stop at places along the way. Bill is also coordinating a tour to the Klairmont Kollection car museum in Chicago on Sunday June 9th.
- Upcoming local **National Night Out** event will take place in Westmont on Tuesday August 6th.

New Business

- Monthly Raffle - winners: Alex Hoffman, Tom Suffecool, Sandy McGinnis, Bruce Poetter
- June Salt Creek Meeting/Cookout will be hosted at the Beller Museum details to come.
- Burr Ridge Senior Center visit has been changed to Saturday June 8th 10-12N. Talk to Donna Suffecool if you are interested in participating.
- Annual Banquet - This has been scheduled for April 21st lunch starts at 11:30AM lunch at noon. \$34 each
- Annual Picnic - working on getting a date set but likely August 25th will be the date for the picnic at Katherine Legge Park.
- Magnetic Door signs still available, ask Ken Stryck if interested.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made by Bob Voves, seconded by Theresa Manfre and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Mummert, Secretary

Tour to Volo Auto Museum, May 19

Plan to meet that Sunday morning at the PNC Bank (55th St & Route 83) at 9 AM. **It's 50 miles so we're thinking modern iron rides to allow more time at the museum.**

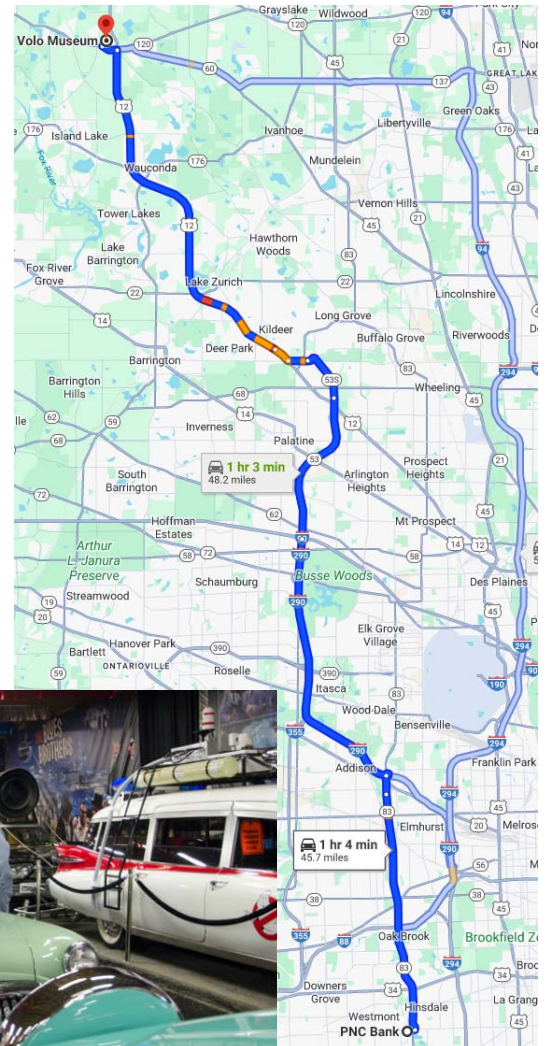
Volo Auto Museum, 27582 Volo Village Rd, Volo, IL 60073
Admission;

Seniors \$22.95, Adults \$24.95, Children (5-12) \$13.95

In addition to classic cars there's the Hollywood Collection, Life on Two Wheels, vintage campers and RV's, plus a Military collection. www.volocars.com

Lunch is planned at **The Whistle Stop Café** in Fox Lake

For questions, please reach out to Bill Boyce (cell)



Maxine's FASHION"A"TING FACTS



This posed era photo shows us the little boy's short bobbed haircut, knee-length socks, and hard-soled shoes.

Children's era fashions are one of those challenging areas. Children's era clothes are more difficult to find because they usually were worn more frequently and were simply worn out during the Model A era. However, if one is fortunate to find some of these treasures it is important to know what to be aware of in type of fabric as well as style, just as this is important in adult clothing.

According to our research, cotton, linen and wool were the most popular fabrics used in children's garments. The most practical wardrobe materials for youngsters are cotton and linen. For the "special" affairs a child's dress would be daintily embroidered. It is through color that you gain variety in children's clothes, keeping in mind that darker colors are, for the most part, less becoming.

Era baby shoes did not have a firm sole and it is only through ornamentation that boys and girls shoes appeared different. The only change for toddler's shoes was the addition of a firm sole to support those first steps. Styles were pretty basic for many years and 1950-1960's shoes may found to be adequately close to era shoes.

And proud Great-Grandma that I am, cannot help but announce Ken and Belinda Dust are first-time grandparents as of April 17th, when their daughter gave birth to baby boy



Nathaniel Dust wearing an era jumpsuit shows off the band-aid on his finger, after he and Ron Dust walked the runway during the 1998 MAFCA meet fashion show.



Toddler Jereta Halstead with the Flying Quail chapter on the runway at the 1982 MAFCA meet.



While both parents also wore era fashion, little Hayward Archer stole the show in her era dress at a 1961 California meet.

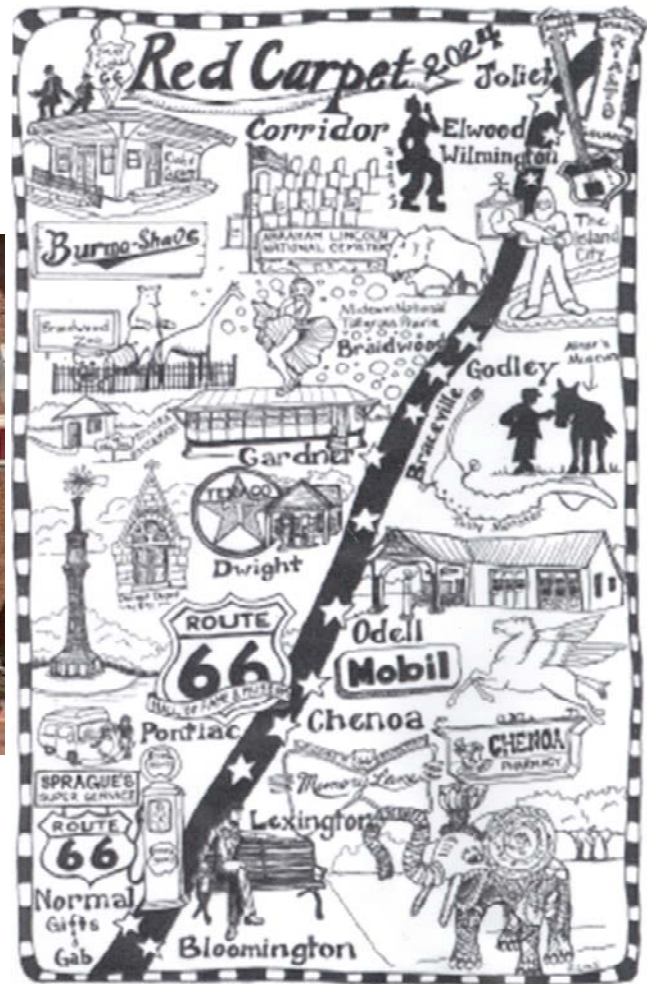
Red Carpet Corridor Tour



A few of us from Salt Creek and the Joliet Restorers Club enjoyed a nice day's drive on the Mother Road, Route 66 on Saturday May 4th. We drove 60 miles of the famous road from Joliet to Pontiac. Many

of the towns along the way have special activities planned and we passed other drivers taking the same ride again and again.

This year, for tracking your trip they had a 11x17 map poster as shown at right. At each town we would pick up a sticker to complete a picture on the poster. For those using the phone app, each town also had a code to enter that would give out prizes to a lucky few.



We all had lunch at DeLong's Restaurant in Pontiac then took a picture at the nearby Route 66 wall art sign and toured the nearby 1966 "Road Yacht" school bus which gypsy artist Bob Waldmire used to travel up and down Route 66. <https://oklahomaroute66.com/news/travels-with-waldmire>

If you recall, the **Gemini Giant** statue in Wilmington has been purchased by the Joliet Historical Museum and removed from the old Launching Pad Restaurant's parking lot. During this weekend the Giant was on display at the local public works building where we could get a once-in-a-lifetime view of the Giant with his helmet off while a crew restores the Gemini Giant to his 1960 glory. And,



we even passed the spot on Wilmington's South Island Park where he will be re-displayed later this fall. Can you imagine how horrified Belinda was when we just drove onto the grass for a photo op? They did say "Once in a lifetime" didn't they mean it?



Ken with Belinda in the car in Odell

We had a good time and appreciate the effort Bill Boyce went into helping make it happen. The Standard Gas Station pictures were taken in Odell, then later we enjoyed ice cream at the



Bill Boyce at the historic Odell gas station

Polk-A Dot Drive-In along Route 66 in Braidwood. Yum!!! (Reminds us of Redamak's on Red Arrow Highway (US 12) up in Michigan where we stop on the way home from the MAFFI Museum at Gilmore for Model A Day in September.)



Tour to the Klairmont Kollection Automotive Museum

Sunday, June 9th

One of our members suggested a visit to the Klairmont Kollection would be a good activity for us. Bill Boyce is still working out the details but we are planning to meet at the PNC Bank (55th St & Route 83) at 9 AM for the hour drive up to Cicero Ave and Belmont Ave.



The Klairmont Kollection has over 300 eclectic and award-winning vehicles from 1909 to the present. Expect to see one-of-a-kind cars as well as exhibits like cars parked indoors for an outdoor drive-in scene. Klairmont Kollections Automotive Museum, 3117 North Knox Ave, Chicago.

<https://klairmontkollections.com>



Annual Banquet

For those who regularly attend, they know our Salt Creek A's Annual Banquet is a low-stress event that allows members to visit and talk on whatever topics come up. Ideally, it is also the event where the **Phil Clark Trav'lin Trophy** is awarded; it just didn't happen yet this year since the recipient wasn't present. *(But those who were present on this April 21st event are now privy to this information, so they can focus on the recipient to see his/her surprise when the name is announced.)*

From the start, a slide show presentation created by Barb Weiser of all our 2023 activities ran at one end of the room. It is always a little disconcerting to learn how long ago something happened when it feels like only a few months ago. After dinner, for a bit of entertainment, Ken Stryck passed each table a quiz to make us exercise our "little grey cells" and come up with answers. The questions were pretty hard, one went, "What local theater was built in 1931? Hint, the answer appeared in a recent issue of *The Starter*." We'll have to run those in some future issue for the benefit of others.

We all had a great time and look forward to doing this again next year.

Typical table conversation; Gene Weisbecker sharing with Janet and Jim Gonyo while John Weiser focuses on Sam Fitzpatrick's dialog with Joe Manfre.



Judy & Mike Bernard, Frank Karls, Cindy Yates, and Linda & Charles Wascher all shared a table



Beatrice and Jim Schejbal



Sharon and John Lorenzi

Right) Bob and Nancy Kiefer's 66th wedding anniversary coincided with today's event so we all got to enjoy a special cake



Below) Ken & Belinda Dust discuss today's menu



Left) Elaine Scott and Pat Ruzicka in conversation with Sharon Lorenzi



Above) Bill Boyce and a surprised-looking Steve Speakman



Far Left) Ken & Cynda Strycick, Cynda wore a striking era dress that she got from Donna Suffecool.

The beading is beautiful, intricate and looks great but she complained how heavy the dress was.

Above) Ilene Schauer and friend Brad

Left) Ken Strycick and Nate Dust discuss Banquet event plans

Garage Tour

The weather cooperated for our Garage Tour on April 13th. We had 34 members and 2 guests show up for the 3 stops that we made. We started at Ken & Belinda Dust's garage with coffee and doughnuts, then went to Alex & Sara Hoffman's garage/airplane hangar. Last we stopped to see how Frank Karls squeezes a very long 1978 Lincoln, his Roadster, and a motorcycle into his garage. We ended the morning with lunch at Matt's Barbeque.



Ken parked the 1929 Sport Coupe out in the front yard so there would be no question which house was the first stop



Ken Krasin and Jim Tepper converse in front of the 1928 Ford inside the Grünhaus



The club's banner adorned the Tudor so the neighbors would know who was here, although there was likely no question with the driveway and street crowded with Model A's.

Frank Karls was first to arrive at the Hoffman's so he got to park next to Alex's 1955 Piper Tri-Pacer





Above) Alex talks about his 4-seater plane while members look on. His driveway was full of Model A's. Left) Julie Williams-Hoffman looks to be comparing Alex and Sara's 1929 Tudor with Frank Karls' 1930 Roadster

Below) Some members admire Frank's garage with all the well-arranged storage and feel the soft leather seats of his Lincoln, while others inspect his motorcycle.

Below Right) We needed the awnings to shield us from the bright sunshine while we ate lunch and continued to chat.





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EVENTS CALENDAR

- May 19 **Salt Creek** tour to Volo Automobile Museum – Bill Boyce
- May 21 **Salt Creek A's** Monthly Meeting (7:30) at Buck's Pit Stop
- May 25 Sandwich Car Show & Swap – 8 AM start, Silver Springs Region AACA
- May 27 Western Springs Memorial Day Parade – 9 AM – Bill Kucik
- June 1 LaGrange Pet Parade – meet at 8:30 AM, 47th Street & LaGrange Road
- June 2 Rockford A's "Model A Day" in Clinton WI, 9AM-2PM <http://rockfordas.org/styled-4/>
- June 8 Burr Ridge Senior Center visit (10 AM-Noon) then lunch – Donna Suffecool
- June 9 Tour to the Klairmont Kollection with lunch after – Bill Boyce
- June 18 **Salt Creek A's** Brat Cookout Meeting (6:30) at Beller Museum
- June 20 Riverside Cruise Night (*MAYBE, it's not posted yet*) www.riverside.il.us/calendar.aspx
- June 23-29 MAFCA National Meet, Ruidoso NM (1300 miles) www.southwestaventures.com
- July 11-13 lola Car Show & Swap Meet
- July 15-18 MARC National Meet, Asheville NC (700 miles) https://model-a-ford.org/event/national-meet-asheville-nc/?instance_id=378
- July 16 **Salt Creek A's** Monthly Meeting (7:30) at Buck's Pit Stop