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The Monthly Newsletter of Queen City Model A Club, Charlotte NC

Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of the Model A Ford and we like to drive them too.

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The Prez Sez, I am proud I am of the officers for their taking leadership rolls and working to plan for our activities. I've not been a member as long as many but I've never seen the level of activity we are seeing in the club. And I attribute much of our growth to the enthusiasm I see and the fun I see everyone having.



In April alone and in addition to our normal meeting, we have had a breakfast meeting on the north side, another on the southeast side, a lunch on the south side and up to 15 members showing up at Jim's shop to work daily there. Then we had a successful one day tour east of Charlotte and our 6th annual and most successful QCMAC car show in Rock Hill with over 65 registered cars, 26 being model A's. And we had 4 members cars being judged in the AACA southeastern car show at AutoFair.

May schedule will offer the first over night tour, the 2023 edition of our mystery tour. Then we will have a day tour to see the spider lilies in bloom on the rocky shoals of the Catawba river at the sight of the civil war era attempt to make the river navigable by installing locks. We will again have a couple of regional breakfast meetings and have work opportunities in Jim's shop. I can't wait for the fun to continue!

Hope to see you Down The Road, Kalei

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2023 QCMAC Event Calendar

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
7 th Board meeting at Captain's Cap 16 th General Meeting Golden Corral Brad & Jane Fisher hosts	20 th General Meeting John's Restaurant Glenn & Carrie Swann hosts	20 th General Meeting Sports Page Troy Dalsing Host 25 th Blow of the cobwebs Tour Try Dalsing 29 th Breakfast at BigView9am	6 th Northside breakfast 13-15 Charlotte AutoFair 14-15 Old 96 flea market 16 th QCMAC Car Show White Home 17 th General Meeting Golden Corral Geoff & Clare Leek Hosts
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
6th-7th Mystery Tour 20th Landsford Canal Tour 15 th General Meeting John's Restaurant Bill & Anne McDonough Host	10 th BBQ Picnic 19 th General Meeting Sports Page Glenda & Dwight Jackson Hosts ? Picnic at Bryant's Farm	17 th General Meeting Golden Corral Danny and Susan Phillips Hosts ? Poker Run Tour	21 st General Meeting Danny & Linda Foster Hosts 26-28 Linville Falls Tour Brad & Jane Fisher
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
18 th General Meeting Sports Page Bruce & Jane Hyland Hosts 23 rd Murray Mill Tour ? Scavenger Hunt Tour	16 th General Meeting Golden Corral Sandeep Berry Hosts ? Beach tour	20 th General Meeting John's Restaurant Rion Rutledge Hosts	11 th Christmas Meeting 9 th Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour 9 th Denver NC Parade

Note: Events with ? Indicate they are tentatively scheduled.

Meeting place addresses **Golden Corral – 11025 E Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC**
John's Restaurant – 2002 Westinghouse Blvd, Charlotte, NC
Sports Page – 8400 Bellhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC

Mystery Tour 2023

The 2023 Edition of the Mystery Tour will be on May 6th and 7th. Participants will meet at 9:30 at 11230 HWY 29 in the cinema parking lot behind the QT station. Have a full tank of gas and have eaten your breakfast. Groups will leave starting at 10:00 on 10 minute intervals.

Hosts Paul and Sandra Crosby and Danny and Susan Phillips have suggested we all may wish to bring Sunglasses, Swimsuits, a roll of toilet paper, a jacket or sweat shirt, and a beer stein? They failed to indicate the destination.

Landsford Canal Picnic

Landsford Canal State Park - 2051 Park Dr., Catawba, SC 29704. May 20th at 10:30 – 3PM we will have our Landsford Canal Spider Lily Tour. The club will pay for admission, we will be in shelter #1. We will have BBQ for lunch, condiments, buns, paper products, cutlery, cups, table cloths & water will be provided by the club. We ask for those that are planning to come let Carrie Swann know ahead of time so we can get a head count and sign up to bring a side. Sides could be any of the following; potato chips, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, pickles, or any side you prefer, drink or a dessert. You may also want to bring a lawn chair.

Things To Do:

Fishing, Boating, Picnic Shelters,
Hiking on the Trails,
Bird Watching(There is a pair of
nesting eagles that can be view
from the trail)



Directions: I-77 South to exit #77 Hwy. 21 left, (Anderson Rd.) to Hwy. 327 left (Lansford Rd.), to #690 (left) Park Rd.

Note: Anyone wishing to drive to the park with a group may meet at Jim Townsend's shop. The trip from there is about 10 miles. The group will leave the shop at 9:30 as parking at the site is limited. You may also form your own group or just drive there alone.

Linville Falls Tour

Queen City Model A Club

Linville Falls Tour

Highlights

Saturday, August 26th-Monday, August 28th

Saturday August 26th, 2023

1. Saturday morning, we will meet at McDonalds off Mt Holly Huntersville Road at Hwy 16 in time for breakfast and departure at 9 am.
2. Drive the back roads to Marion where we will briefly stop for refueling around 12:30.
3. Drive to Nebo, NC to our home on Lake James where we will eat a light lunch and take folks out to tour Lake James Saturday afternoon.
4. Dinner will feature Steaks on the grill at our home around 6pm.
5. Around 7:30-8pm we will drive to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Marion (279 Kadire Drive, Marion, NC 28752) and check into our rooms for the weekend. We have a block of rooms reserved for \$124 per night. Just call 828-527-0035 and mention that you are with the Queen City Model A Club and the dates above to reserve your room.

Sunday August 27th, 2023

1. Sunday morning, August 27th, after the complimentary breakfast in the Holiday Inn, we will leave the hotel at 9 am and head up Hwy 221 toward the town of Linville Falls where we have a number of interesting stops planned. Currently, we tentatively plan stops at Banks Creek Barn, Linville Falls Winery and Anvil Arts Studio for our tour this day. Afterwards, we can head back to Marion and walk around the town and have dinner on our own before heading back to the hotel.

Monday August 28th, 2023

1. Monday morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we will head back to Charlotte the way we came up on Saturday morning.

Bar-B-Q Picnic and Model A Games

Queen City Model A Club

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Bar-B-Q and Model A Games Day

Saturday June 10, 2023

Where: 1517 Mary Ellen Blvd, Fort Mill, SC

Directions – I-77 to exit 90 Carowinds Blvd, head west and make a left turn on Make a right turn on Mary Ellen blvd. continue to home on left, 1577 Mary Ellen Blvd, Fort Mill, SC.

Time: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Food will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Afterwards we will have several Model A Games and a Trivia Contest.

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Children under the age of 12 are free. Reservations required. **Contact Sandeep, payment due day of event.**

Menu:

Pulled BBQ Pork by a renowned Kansas City BBQ Judge.

BBQ Chicken

BBQ Beans

Mac & Cheese

Homemade Key Lime Pie

Soda & Water – Beer may be brought by club members.

Come and Enjoy an afternoon of amazing food and fun!!

Minutes, April, 17, 2023

By Carrie Swann

April 17th, 2023 the Monthly Meeting was held at Golden Corral in Matthews, NC.

Host/Hostess were Geoffery & Clare Leek. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Sandeep Berry and blessing was asked by Glenn Swann. There were 37 members and 1 visitor in attendance

The reading of minutes and finical reports of last month were dispensed, motion 1st by Nancy Gustafson and 2nd by Jane Fisher. The club now has a Venmo account to send and receive payments. We still take checks and cash!!

Membership report by John Haack - we has 60 members last month and 64 to date with others joining the rest of this month.

Clouds & Rainbows by Bertha Haack -Continue to keep these members in your prayers, Wayne & Barbara Helderma (health Issues), Claude Palmer (surgery), Ron Bryant (health issues) Glenn Swann (broken arm)

Clothing by Carrie Swann – used clothing by former member Don Berkebile, but donated by Don Howser, were offered for sale. Several items were sold and 3 items are still available #1 blue silky jacket(size2X) \$10, #2 QCMAC vest(size 2XX) \$30, Ladies denim long sleeve shirt (size 3X) \$5.

A report for “Blow out the Cob Webs Tour” was reported by Troy Dalsing and rewarded Sandeep Berry with the “Golden Wrench Award”. The day had good weather and a good attendance.

White House Car Show was reported by Jim Townsend. Great turnout with participants & attendees. The weather was great. The Manifold Cook Off was delicious!!!

John Haack took his car to Auto Fair and won 2 very prestigious awards - 1st Place Senior & 1st Place Junior.

Up coming tours were announced and explained (Some What!!).

Mystery Tour May 6th & 7th, only 1 room left (act fast) Paul Crosby, May 20th
Landsford Canal Spider Lily Tour May 20th, let Carrie Swann know if you plan to attend, June 10th Bob Wessmiller will have **BBQ & Model A Games** \$10 per person. Let Bob know if you plan to attend. **Linville Falls Tour** Aug26th-28th by Brad & Jane fisher.

50/50 was won by new member Kevin Heimbaugh \$65.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Editorial Comments

This month is youth month as designated by both MARC and MAFCA. I think we all understand why we need more youth involvement but lip service won't make it happen. The hobby is on a deat members carrying the load and aging out. Sure, you might say "Look at what we have done in bringing in more members and some are even younger." But when today's youth have no contact with cars of our era, they have no desire to ever wish to preserve them or enjoy the thrill of driving one. My challenge to you is that you personally invite someone young to ride with you and try to get them interested. This shot is of a 16 year old named Holden. He is the grandson of our members Larry and Jean Long. Larry's car was his when in high school and scheduled to be Holden's. So Larry is encouraging him to help with doing some of the work to make the car more enjoyable. What can you do?




New Contact Information

Julie Kluttz has asked that I inform you of her new contact information. She is at 315 Park Ridge Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001. New email address is jukluttz@gmail.com. Cell phone is 704/984-3961. Her land line and old address no longer are in service. She says she misses all of us but is in a nice assisted living space in the town where she grew up and only 8 miles from their home.

Check the For Sale section for the auction on their Gold Hill property.

April 2023 Review of QCMAC Checkbook

May	
	
Evette Falkenberry	05/08/23
Matt Gustafson	05/28/23
Don Mayes	05/07/23

Beginning Balance APRIL 1, 2023	\$6,170.91
Income:	
Dues	\$75.00
50/50	\$65.00
Mystery Tour (15)	\$1,875.00
Clothing Sales	\$25.00
Total:	\$8,210.91
Expenses:	
	\$0.00
Checking Balance as of April 30, 2023	\$8,210.91

Crankcase Flushing???

By Jim Townsend

I recently read an article from the Accelerator, newsletter of Model A Club of New Jersey posing an interesting view of flushing the crankcase of a Model A when changing the oil. As a youth, my summer job was working in my grandfather's Dodge/Plymouth dealership shop, the same shop where we now work on our A's. My primary job was 'Wash and Grease Boy' but I also picked up and delivered cars, helped mechanics and cleaned up the shop. The article brought back memories of what we sometimes did in the fifties when we changed oil in a car with a dirty engine

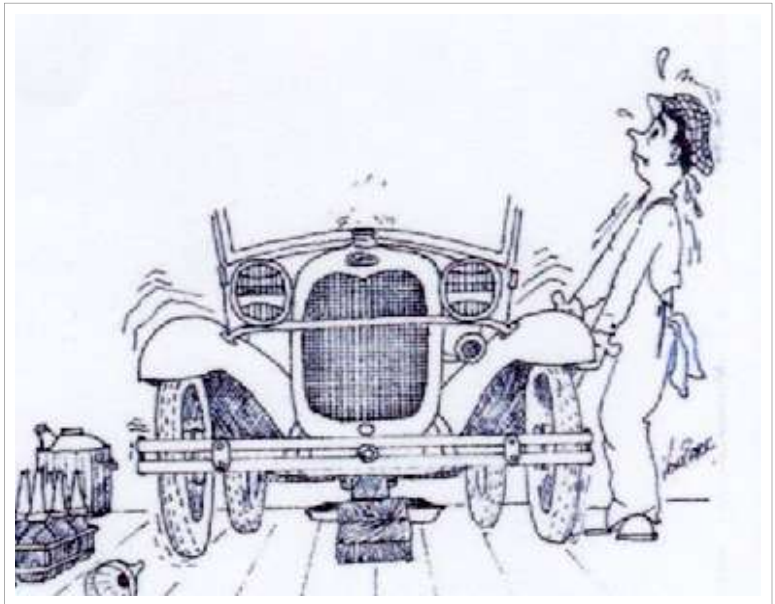
Model A cars as well as cars made up into the fifties. had no oil filters to catch the grime picked up by the oil while lubricating the bearings and cylinders. The Model A engine design incorporates a baffle with a twofold purpose, to allow the grime to settle out as sludge in the bottom of the oil pan and to provide a minimum oil level for the rod ends to splash and scoop up oil for lubrication. The design works as can be noted if you have ever cleaned out the sludge that forms. The problem is that changing oil leaves much of the sludge in the bottom of the pan and immediately contaminates the fresh oil being delivered to the engine. Also, the oil pump and all the ports where oil circulates do not drain when changing oil and the dirty oil there mixes with your fresh oil.

Probably, the best one could do when suspecting that the internals of the engine have a build up of grime and sludge is to drop the oil pan and wash out the bottom after removing the splash pan baffle. The oil pump should be disassembled and cleaned. This is a pretty time consuming and not easy work. So, the next best thing might be to consider how to clean out this grime without removing the pan.

Here is where my memories were brought back. The writer of the article suggested flushing the crankcase after draining the dirty oil with a gallon kerosene, leaving the ignition off and cranking the engine for a minute or so. I remembered doing this with instructions from a mechanic. We sometimes left the kerosene over night and cranked some more before draining. The source article suggested putting a block under the center of the front axle and rocking the car back and forth to improve the washing action of the kerosene. After filling the engine with fresh oil, the engine was then turned over again with the ignition off to bring oil into the pumped circuits and bearings.

Do I recommend it? I wouldn't do this to my Model As. The first reason is the process would leave a fair amount of kerosene in the splash baffle and passages contaminating and thinning the fresh oil. If you have ever cleaned the bottom of a pan with sludge an inch thick, you know that pouring kerosene on it is not going to make it fluid enough to drain out of the drain hole of the oil pan. The end result is that the sludge is still there and your oil may be contaminated. If the pan needs cleaning, do the work and remove it for cleaning.

If your engine has been rebuilt and you are using, as you should, a high detergent (HD) oil, there is a good chance your engine is not building an excessive amount of sludge. The detergent is helping to keep it clean. If your engine has a lot of miles and age on it, I would recommend using a non detergent oil as there is likely a buildup of grime under the piston rings allowing the engine to maintain compression and an effective job of wiping oil off the cylinder walls. The detergent would remove this and the engine would suffer in performance, showing its age. These older engines could likely benefit if one were to remove the pan and clean the sludge from the bottom.



Fashion Page

New Easter Frocks, Undeniably Chic and Cleverly Designed



If your local dealer cannot supply these patterns, send direct to the Fictorial Review Co., 280 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.

MARC National Meet – 2023 The Hubley Derby

By Jim Townsend



One of the events to be found at MARC National Meets is the Hubley Derby. What is that some may say? The Hubley Manufacturing Co. was an American producer of cast iron toys, doorstops, and bookends. They produced a line of zinc alloy and plastic Model A Ford replicas in kit form in a 1/20 scale. At both MARC and MAFCA Meets, derbies are often a feature for the kids but some of us adults are kids too so there is an over 18 class. Cars are both raced and shown for judging.

Hubley reproduced most body styles of the 1931 Model A to include the Tudor, Fordor, Victoria, Phaeton, Pickup, Roadster, Woodie, A400 and Coupe. Because they were in kit form, children and adult fans of



the Model A have built them and collected them. The Derby race takes place on a 40 foot track built to allow gravity to bring the speeding Hubley A's to the finish line. They are raced in heats of three with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners awarded a trophy. Based on the number of entries, there are classes for ages 3-8, 9-13, 14-18, and 19 and older. A separate event during the Derby is to display Hubleys restored by their owners.

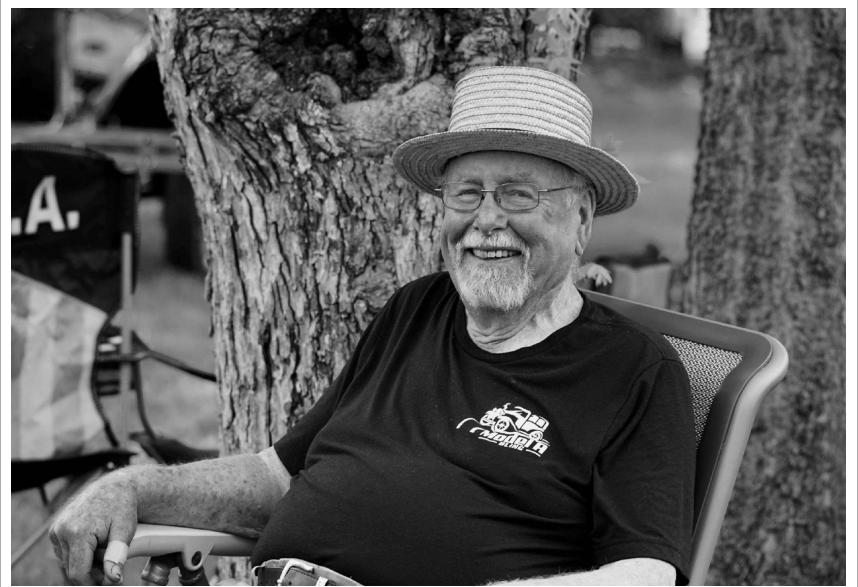
The list of QCMAC members going to the Hamilton Ohio Meet this year isn't final but the current list includes Sandeep plus Walter and _____, John and Bertha Haack, Kalei Unea, Jim Townsend, Paul and Sandra Crosby, Geoff and Clare Leek, Brad and Jane Fisher. There will be likely entrants in the Derby from this group. Sandeep found a group of Hubley Model A's on line, bought them and is encouraging us to participate. As a minimum, we will all be part of the spectator group.

QCMAC Car Show Photos





The unexpected good weather, the good turnout, the helpful club members along with the pretty cars and fellowship make an old man smile and know that all the planning in making the show a reality was worth it.



Recent Happenings



Those of us that enjoy Model A Brewery met there on April 5th for lunch and a sampling of the brew. There were 16 of us with 5 model A's.



The first QCMAC north side breakfast was held on April 6th at Corine's Cafe in Mooresville with about 20 members and guests present.



The line of Model A's ready for judging at Autofair. The first is the front end of the cover car from Model A News current issue, followed by Jim Townsend's roadster (1st place Junior winner) John

Haack's Coupe (!st place Junior winner), John Haack's roadster 1st Place Senior) and Henry Moore's station wagon (award unknown). QCMAC was well represented.

President Kalei Unea presented the Golden Wrench Award to Sandeep Berry because her car failed to finish the Blow the cobwebs tour due to a generator failure causing a dead battery. She will keep the award until the next member has mechanical trouble on a tour.



Sandeep shows off her radiator ornament she made in honor of her April birthday, a cup cake with Happy Birthday written on it. She also makes ornaments of many other designs to include a snowman, a rain deer, a rabbit etc. all for sale and now prints shirts with custom Model A themes.

For Sale and Wanted



For Sale By Geoffery Leek

516/319-6607 or 803/228-3427

1931 Model A station wagon
 New motor, less than 200 miles
 rebuilt steering & transmission,
 New starter, battery, fog lights,
 signal lights, full side curtains.
 \$24,000.

For Sale by former member Norm Culbreth – 1930 Tudor, Body off restoration about 5 years ago with about 4000 miles on it since. John Klutz engine, Labaron Bonney interior. Over \$29,000 invested. Asking \$23,475 obo. Contact Norm at 803/207-0771 or bcculbreth@hotmail.com.



Zenith Carburetors - Cleaned, jets calibrated, and painted. New parts installed as needed. Perfect for touring or showing in touring class judging.

\$125 with exchange of rebuildable Zenith
 \$200 without exchange

Contact Jim Townsend 828/964-3425
 or townsendj@comporium.net



1930 Bare Model A Frame #3684228 Good Condition, Call for details.
 Jim Butler, 704/519-5148

Window Regulator For Sale, fits left front/right rear on '30/'31 Fordor.
 Part # A-48106-B. The 4 hole mount stile used on the straight windshield 4-



door sedans. New in box On line price \$60. Asking \$40. Call Bruce Hyland, 704/488-6118. or email bjhyland87@gmail.com.



1968 Ford Mustang Convertible, 289 cu in., bucket seats, Factory air Conditioning, rust Free, Total restoration in 1995, car located in south – central North Carolina. Contact Peggy Branch (former QCMAC Member)for additional information and pricing. 704/485-4196.

Estate Auction: **1929 Model A Ford roadster, 1930 Model A Ford Fordor** both with titles and reportedly restored. Also 2010 7x16 enclosed v-nosed trailer will be auctioned as part of estate.948 Breckenwood Ct, Ashboro, NC Saturday, May 6, Preview on May 5. Southern Bros. Auction Services 336/953-5830.

John Klutz Estate Auction: April 29. by Hinson Auctions of Oakboro. Included will be John's Tudor with Henry award, parts, tractors, home etc. Auction starts at 9 and big crowd expected.

Wanted for the Fordor Restoration Project;

While the **30 Briggs Fordor** Project is coming along very nicely and the condition of the car has been found better than expected, We are missing some key elements to include:

- The bottom hinge for both rear doors.
- The dash rail that is mounted with 5 screws under the windshield. This is common to other closed Fords.
- The front seat adjustment mechanism.

Contact Jim Townsend, townsendj@comporium.net if you have any of these.