

Fox Tales

Fox Valley Region Model A Restorers Club

MAY 2009

FOX VALLEY CAREER CENTER

By Frank Nemechek - Pictures By Bruce Winslow

Recently members of the Model A Restorers Club, Fox Valley Region, based in Geneva, took some of their 1928-31 Model A cars out to the Auto Tech class at the Fox Valley Career Center at Kaneland High School. The purpose of the visit was to inform the students about the availability of scholarships for graduating seniors who will be continuing their auto tech education at the community college level. An additional purpose of the visit was to demonstrate to the students the simplicity of the Model A Ford. The morning was spent with hands on the cars and parts learning what cars were about in yesterday.



Mr. Hansen's First Block Class

By the end of the day the students had an opportunity to have become acquainted with the Model A and had gone for a ride around the parking lot. The rumble seat was a favorite way



Mr. Potvin's Second Block Class

to take this ride. The students and their instructors were very enthusiastic about the visit and many of the students indicated they would be preparing scholarship applications. The club was very appreciative of the opportunity to get their scholarship message to the students.

The appeal of the Sports Coupe is timeless



Gentlemen, start your ovens!

It was just about 10:00 AM when John Cali barked "Gentlemen, start your ovens". With manifolds covered in gourmet goodness, four Model "A's" and a Cadillac set out from Elgin on the first leg of a journey which would end at Silver Springs State Park.

The only scheduled stop would be Big Rock where we would add two more member "A's", take a short break and check our ovens. Already smelling like a group of food vendors at the Taste of Chicago the now seven car caravan would soon be on the road for the final leg of the tour but not without difficulty. Bob & Joan's stove-top would not start and in a heartbeat every male member in attendance would soon help. Joan, however, saved the moment as she reached under the dash to turn the gas on.



Charlie led the final leg of the journey and as we entered the park, the accumulation of aroma's set free from seven bubbling manifolds was clear evidence that lunch was served.





If you haven't yet been to a car show, get ready...you're invited. There are many car shows in the area all consisting of car enthusiasts who, with their cars, meet

to socialize and enjoy their enthusiasm with other car owners. Also referred to as cruise nights, they showcase custom, classic, antique and exotic cars. Everyone is welcome...it's a good time. Harry Klimek has put together a list of area cruise nights and will coordinate a Fox Valley effort to attend a few of them. Consider which of the following you would like to attend and let Harry know.

- Tuesday - Augustino's, West Chicago
- Wednesday - Goody's, Saint Charles
- Thursday - Geneva Car Show, Geneva
- Thursday - Augustino's, Carol Stream
- Friday - McDonald's, Randal Road Elgin
- Friday - Wheaton Cruise, Wheaton
- Saturday - Beef Villa, South Elgin



Check Your Calendar

- May 16 St. Charles North & East Car Shows
- May 16 Lunch, Filling Station, St. Charles
- May 17 Belvedere (Little Hershey)
- May 24 Sandwich Car Show
- June 7 Model A Day, Sharon, WI.

Who's The Dude?

This is 15 year old Keith Rogers posing beside his new and very first ride. Fresh from a Pasadena junk yard, the price just \$50.00.



Mail or email your picture along with a brief description to:
 Who's This?
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Soapbox Sputters

A message from the President



"Lean Manufacturing" and "In-Line" are the latest buzz words for the process of building something in a logical flow of consecutive steps. Just like 100 years ago when our Industrial Hero built his lovable little cars on the then-new fangled assembly line, the goal continues to be increased efficiency, repeatability, and quality.

A key component of Lean is VT. That stands for "visual techniques." "Two Bin" is a simple example. Parts are staged in two containers or on two skids at the exact point of use next to the line. When one container is empty, the assembler starts using parts from the second container and calls for re-supply. Another container is delivered. It is very simple and there is no need for a computer. Enough parts are always on hand.

The world continues to turn and modern products have definitely improved in the past century. What is surprising is how much can be attributed to our visionary – Henry Ford.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

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This year's Scholarship Program brought us three deserving winners, Adam Benner from Batavia, Thomas Kennedy from West Aurora and Jesus Caltzontzin from Kaneland high schools. All three will be proceeding in their auto tech education at Waubensee Community College in the fall. Our winners will receive their honor at the Awards Night at their individual high schools from a Fox Valley Region member.

All three young men expressed how valuable the Fox Valley Career Center was in building their interest in automobiles and in directing their careers. Adam said in his application that with what he had learned at FVCC he has been able to help a friend replace a radiator and had fixed the transmission on his parents van when it needed repairs. Thomas said it would be a dream come true if he could be a mechanic for a living. Jesus also said he wanted working with automobiles to be his life's work.

All three had obviously done considerable research on Henry Ford and his contributions not only to the Automobile Industry, but to America and the world. They identified the fact that Henry's development of the continuous production line allowed him to lower prices on the Model T to the point that the common man could buy one. This mobility changed how and where American's lived.

Congratulations to Adam, Thomas and Jesus!

The May meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, May 15th.

on the lower level of the Park National Bank, 808 West Main in Geneva.

John & Annie Cali will bring the snacks.

Harry Klimek - Web Master