

Fox Tales

Fox Valley Region

Model A Restorers Club

June, 2007



1st Garage & Hanger Tour

Fox Valley Region is stepping out on "A" first, ever, garage and hanger tour on June 16, 2007. The new Saturday drive

will begin at 9 AM at Elgin's Manor Restaurant, which is located on the west side of Randall Road ... behind McDonalds ... at 464 Redington Drive. The phone number is (847) 888-8811.

The tour has been carefully planned by Dick Molson and Phred Hollister, who estimate 1 ½ hours driving time to cover 56 miles, round-trip. The troop will step off at 9 AM *sharp*, so arrive plenty early if you want to buy breakfast for your navigator! There will be three stops along the way, not including breakfast and lunch. Each stop will be ½ hour to 1 hour minimum, so expect a full day's tour!

The first planned stop, near Marengo, will be to inspect a B17E Flying Fortress. Mr. Kellener's

restoration is on an impressively grand scale.

The second stop is the Restoration Shop in Hampshire. This is a family run business that works on modern cars, as well as restorations and building hot rods. The Show Room is a step back in time with older cars, motor scooters, gas pumps, and other vintage goodies on display. We will be spend some time at this stop.

We will lunch in Hampshire. Phred is counting heads so that he can give a restaurant advance notice.

From lunch, we will tour on to Olson Airport at Rt. 47 and McDonald Rd. There, we will see an antique Steerman airplane. Leaving Olson airport, we will head home.

Please call Phred at (847) 312-0926 or e-mail Dick Molson at betsym@elnet.com to "sign up." You can also contact Phred at his cell number – (847)312-0926 – if you are lost or running late on Saturday morning.

How long you been Model A?

Frank Nemechek reports having seen a recent question on The Ford Barn (an internet set devoted to, well, Fords!) that asked for the ages of posters to the forum. There were 80 responses.

The age profile was a fairly smooth bell curve, with four responders saying they were in their 20's, four in their 30's, nine in their 40's, 30 in their 50's, 13 in their 60's, 18 in their 70's, and 2 were octogenarians.

The youngest was 26 and the average age was 57. Frank quipped that, since the oldest response came from an 82-year-old, it was obvious that Butch had not yet replied!

Seriously, though, the impromptu survey underscored the vast base of experience we enjoy in our hobby. A quick scan of the 2007 Fox Valley roster and some wild guesses at ages resulted in a Model A experience level for our Club, alone, that easily surpasses 3,000 years!

While 3,000 years is almost prehistoric, it also indicates that the love keeps rolling along!



Frank Nemechek and John Cali swept the early Ford category at Belvedere's Little Hershey. Rain almost "swept" the little Fords. John artfully dodged the inevitable drenching by leading the Fox Valley duo into one of the cattle buildings.