

# Fox Tales

## Fox Valley Region Model A Restorers Club

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### Four Auto Enthusiasts Join Fox Valley Club

Tyler Beckman, Jeremy Hardman, Matthew Pezzuto, and Garrick Taenzer are "official." They are card-carrying MARC members, as well as the youngest car nuts of the Fox Valley Region. Three of the Scholarship winners and their families joined the Club to eat chicken and jaw about cars at the recent Leroy Oakes picnic meeting.



## Hanger Tour Reveals Local Rest-AIR-ations

Dick Molson and Phred Hollister's great idea for a Saturday drive to some new locations turned out to be a tour de force! The two Fox Valley ringleaders shepherded 14 Model A's and some other vintage cars on a 60-mile ramble through two counties. Along the way, they introduced us to three amazing destinations that are

not in any of the Chamber of Commerce's pamphlets. The first, Mike Kellner's Restoration Project 41-2595, is a work of love that has already consumed more than 100 years of volunteer effort. Ten people have been restoring the B-17E Flying Fortress, "Desert Rat," for 11 years!

From rural Marengo we traveled to

Getz's Hot Rod Innovations in Hampshire to inspect the state-of-the-art custom car shop. The "rolling art" in progress was humbling. The auto-mobila in the Getzelmans' show room was amazing.

After a lunch stop we moved on to Olson Airport near Lily Lake for a close look at some vintage hot rods – with wings. Our digital moment was "on the tarmac."



Mike Kellner and his crew are ready to attach the nose section to the "Desert Rat." The B-17E restoration just needs a couple hundred more pounds of rivets, seven more engines, and a much bigger shop. Mike and his wife, Cheryl, are optimistic. Of four similar planes being restored, the Rat's revival is well ahead of two of 'em!

Getz's in Hampshire is part auto body repair shop, part auto restoration and hot rod shop, and part full scale diorama. Lee Getzelman (kneeling) had his own Coupe on the rack ... his late father, Terry's, Highboy Roadster had the showroom place of honor. *Boy's toys start here!*



John Olson (kneeling next to Russ) has a dream job. He runs his family's private airport, hangs out with pilots, and putters around with 70-year-old airplanes. The later requires bet-your-life craftsmanship. John showed us the intricate wooden framework he had built to replace the top wing of a Stearman



biplane (pictured above, left). He explained the different principals behind the canvass covered wing and a monocoque, stressed-skin airplane wing. He offered us the use of the airstrip for match races, but we decided, unanimously, that a picture would do just fine! Thanks, Dick and Phred!