

Fox Tales

Fox Valley Region

Model A Restorers Club

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If Butch Flammang had just a few more Model A's ... and some more sons ... the Fox Valley Chapter might have paraded a dozen cars in the Newark July Fourth flag waver. As it was, Butch was behind three of eight Henry's Ladies that made the 2008 pilgrimage.

Patriotic Display!

The Fox Valley A's were hitting on all 32 cylinders for this year's mid-week Independence Day parade at Newark. An early morning rain turned to rainbows when the little Fords hit the road. Joni and Frank led the pack, which included Marilyn and Butch, Jimmy, Penny and Richard Flammang, Carol and Bob, Annie and John, Pat and Ken, and Jan and Bruce. Recent major mechanical work on Smith's Roadster (clutch), Cali's Tudor (engine), McMahon's Blindback Sedan (engine) proved to be right-performed flawlessly.

There were some friendly disputes as to the superiority of the chicken over the pork chops and but the gourmet disagreements in no

disputes as to the superiority of the peach over the apple pie, way effected the brilliant day!



The close concurrence in time of the marriage of Nicholas and Julie Flammang with the Newark Independence Day parade allowed Grandpa Butch to strut his stuff! His pride in Nick notwithstanding, Butch's "stuff" included three Model A's staged for the short parade. Helping him with the logistics were sons Jimmy (Nick's Dad), who drove the Sport Coupe his father had restored for him, and Richard, who chauffeured his wife, Penny, in Butch's '30 Town Sedan. Richard's Sport Coupe, also restored by Butch, was at home in Scottsdale, AZ.

Butch and his primary parade waver, Marilyn, were sidelined from the actual parade by a rogue clump of steel wool in the flywheel housing. Although he missed the parade, Butch had the problem fixed in time to get Marilyn to the head of the chow line!



*The star-spangled banner
In triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave!*



Stuck in the Middle!

"Bumper override" is a condition that is seldom seen anymore, but *back in the day* was a common occurrence. Today, old car enthusiasts *usually* put lots of space between their prized automobile and the one in front or behind but not long ago the primary function of "bumpers" had nothing to do with waving American flags!

A starting problem with Butch's Slant Windshield at parade time was all that was needed for the Flammang brothers to demonstrate the old predicament -- two Model A's sharing less than two Model's A's worth of space.