



Ye Old Stocking Stuffer

Having trouble finding a Christmas present for your snuggly one? If the trouble light in the garage has an incandescent light bulb in a little wire cage hanging from a cord or reel, then here's your tip! Buy the old guy a rechargeable LED work light. Find several in the \$20 range at Home Depot, Farm & Fleet, or Sears. The version sold by Sam's Club makes light with 26 durable, long-life LEDs and has a magnetic base for hands-free illumination! Its cordless run time is longer than an oil change plus a tune up! The best part is that, with an LED work light, that unavoidable bounce off the concrete won't throw the whole project into the dark!

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY

Save a Christmas wish for next year. That's when you can choose the fillet, the fish, or the chicken at the Fox Valley's traditional *late* Christmas party. The soiree will be held on **Sunday, January 6 at Sorrento's on Route 64 in Maple Park.**

Your wish will be granted when the Club lowers the cost of participation: chicken will be almost free, and the other selections will be drastically reduced. If you don't see him at the December meeting, call Charlie Lenz (630-584-1820) to make your selection and to confirm the cost.

Bring along some canned goods to share with the local food bank as well as an extremely well-restored Model A bit – or a White Elephant goodie valued at \$5 – to bestow on one of your special Model A friends! Wrap it beautifully and don't tell !

Bob Says, "Enough Fun!"

Bob McMahon will soon join the august ranks of the past presidents of the Fox Valley Chapter of the Model A Restorer's Club. Bob's ownership of "Robert's Rules" and his gentle hand on the gavel made him an exemplary leader who will be missed. Bob has promised to continue to maintain his calming presence at Club events and meetings. In fact, the slate nominated at the November meeting keeps him front-n-center as Club Director.

Other nominations include Bruce Winslow as president, Frank Nemechek as vice president, Russ Harley as secretary, and Charlie Lenz as treasurer (one more time!). The role of FoxTales fabricator will be shouldered by Keith Rogers with a little help from his t-crosser, Judy.

Be sure to attend the December 14 meeting to cast your vote!

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Harry Klimek, Fox Valley Region's humble webmaster, has been toying with a Club internet site for more than a year. The early effort was on a free web hosting site. It gave us plenty of room to post meeting times and our upcoming events. The pertinent info was there if anyone searched for it – or knew our web address, which was a tad hard to remember. That's how the endeavor stood until Harry got a few good pictures at the Turkey Roast.

After figuring how to post (display) the photos on the website, Harry made a mention of it on The Ford Barn Model a message board (<http://www.fordbarn.com/aforum/aforum.htm>).

Disaster!

In Harry's words, "The free website got 'hit' so hard so fast that it got shut down temporarily. We had over 100 new 'views' to the site in 22 hours, and 123 'denys' because it was overloaded!" Harry hadn't realized (who could have guessed?) how much interest there would be in a few pictures of our modest, little old Turkey Roast!

That's when our 26-year-old Club jumped into the 21st Century! The Club authorized Harry to find a reasonably-priced hosting site that could handle a bit of excitement. He found just the place at a cost of \$9.95 per month and secured the easy html address at the top of this column.

Then Harry got really creative. He posted pictures of members with their cars, photos of our 2008 events, the Fender Cover ad, Mickie Parr's humble *Short History of the Fox Valley Region*, PDF's of the 2008 FoxTales, a guest book, and Links to other Model A sites. And he added a festive seasonal theme.

Finally, Harry "tested" the site with another little brag on Ford Barn. "We got 1,063 hits in the last 30 days and we've got plenty of room to grow," he reported. "They didn't faze us!"



Fox Valley Regional Officers

Bob McMahon	President and Director
Frank Nemechek	Vice President
Charlie Lenz	Treasurer
Russell Harley	Secretary
Bruce Winslow	Newsletter Fabricator



To stay clear of the holidays, our **December Meeting will be a week early – on the 14th at 7 PM – on the lower level of the Park National Bank, 808 West Main in Geneva.**

Bob and Gladys will bring the goodies.