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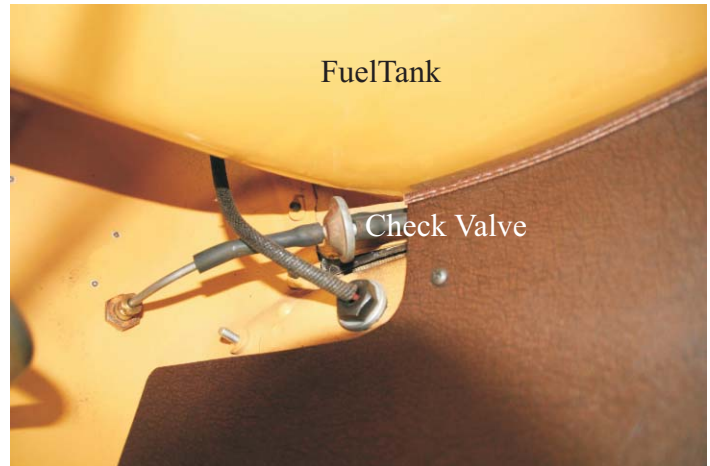
Watchung Valley Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club

March 2008

Adding a Vacuum Wipers Reservoir Tank

As you are all well aware, when you accelerate in an old car with vacuum wipers, they stop working. This can be a little tricky if you get caught out in a rain storm on you way home from an event. To combat this condition, we added a vacuum reservoir under the floor of our 1930 Sport Coupe.

While the installation was quite straight forward, the hard part was finding an old Chevy pickup or Suburban to donate the tank. We got ours from the nose of an old truck my son Rich had sitting in our yard. It was used to



keep the heater controls on the truck working when the vacuum from the engine dropped.

The first thing we did was to mount the tank on the cross member under the seat in our car. As the tank has two studs coming off the side of it, mounting was simple. Figuring out where to drill the holes was not. The diameter of the tank is about the same size as the depth of the chassis, so it can not be easily seen, even while trying to look for it.

We then cut the vacuum line where it runs next to the gas tank, put a check valve on the end going to the engine, and then added a tee with the other side connected back to the line that was cut. A piece of rubber vacuum hose was then run from the bottom of the tee to the fitting on the reservoir tank.

With the engine running with full vacuum, the tank contains the same vacuum. When the engine is accelerated, the vacuum from the engine drops, closing the check valve and letting the vacuum in the reserve tank run the wipers for a few more seconds.

While this doesn't totally cure the problem, it does give you another two or three wipes after each acceleration. With all the fittings tight and no leaks, the wipers will move with the engine shut off.

Dick & Gene Bettie



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The Watchung Valley Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club is an affiliate of the Model "A" Restorers Club. Membership in the club is open to all. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not a condition of membership.

The club received the following letter in the mail. As you know, we are both a MARC and a MAFCA club.

Upcoming Meetings!



Meetings: 8:00pm
Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home
303 Rock Ave
Green Brook, NJ

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May 13 th	August 12 th	November 11 th	January 13 th
June 10 th	September 9 th	December 9 th	February 10 th

March 11, 2008

Dear MAFCA Chapter:

On behalf of your 2008 MAFCA Board of Directors, I am writing to inform you of important activities and changes underway that we believe will provide benefits to all MAFCA Chapters. I encourage you to carefully read this letter and to inform all of your members as to its content, perhaps by reading this at your next meeting.

First, it is my extreme pleasure to announce important improvements for your MAFCA Chapter. Specifically, MAFCA has secured an enhanced Directors & Officers Insurance Policy through J. C. Taylor, Inc. that now includes coverage for not just the Corporation but ALL Chapters/Regions/Special Interest Groups located in the United States, its protectorates and Canada. This coverage is automatic for your Chapter; you need do nothing! Even the cost for 2008 is zero. (Although our desire and plan is to continue this coverage into future years, actual costs will have to be based on future insurance cost growth.)

I will provide a brief discussion of D&O here. Additional information will be available on MAFCA's web site www.mafca.com if you need it. D&O insurance is financial protection against a breach of "duty" by Chapter directors, officers and committee chairpersons. D&O insurance provides financial and legal defense coverage for actual or alleged wrong decisions. Coverage includes any actual or alleged act or omission, error, misstatement, misleading statement, neglect or breach of duty by an Insured Person in the discharge of his/her duties.

Bodily injury or property damage continues to be covered by MAFCA's General Liability Insurance. This insurance, also provided free, remains in effect for 2008, again for all Chapters/Regions/Special interest Groups located in the United States, its protectorates and Canada. This policy is designed to protect Chapters, their members and guests while participating in Chapter activities. It is not intended to protect the General Public and obviously does not cover your Model A, which is covered by your automobile insurance policy.

Second, I would like to bring to your attention that the Board of Directors has proposed a By-law change which will be voted on by the membership this year. **This proposal will restore the requirement that all members of MAFCA Chapters be MAFCA members.** Additional information will be available in the Restorer and on the MAFCA web site. The Board recommends the passage of this By-law change.

Finally, the Dallas Model A Ford Club reports high interest in our 3rd World Model A Meet being held June 22-27 in Addison, TX. They have been working hard for several years to provide us a great time. Texas hospitality is as large as their state, so I encourage you to attend.

Dave Vestal, 2008 MAFCA President

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Club meetings are held on the **second Tuesday** of every month at 8:00pm

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Minutes of the meeting

Tom Petersen gave an informative presentation on how he added an LED brake light under each of the rear plates on his car. They greatly add to the visibility of the car when stopping. After the presentation and a short break for goodies, Lou opened the 335th meeting at 8:36 pm.

Upcoming Events

MARC Membership Meeting, April 24-27 2008, Lionville, PA

Automatic Switch AACA Show, 05/04/08, Hanover Rd, Florham Park, NJ. Contact Phone: Anne Klutkowski at 732-388-3029.

Das Awkscht Fescht, 8/01/08 to 8/04/08, Macungie Memorial Park, Main Street, Macungie, PA . You must register by 07/01/08. Contact Phone: 610-967-2317. The Club will be going on Saturday August 2. Call Lou for info 973-476-4619.

New England Model A Ford Meet, 09/19/08 to 09/21/08, Roaring Brook Ranch and Tennis Resort Rte. 9N South, Lake George, NY 12845. Contact Roger Smith at RSSMITH2052@NYCAP.RR.COM

Treasurer's Report



Larry reported an ending balance of \$2017.87

Secretary's Report

Check to see when your program is due. If you go anywhere or do anything of interest with your Model A, send me some pictures and a short write-up and I will print them in the newsletter to share with the members.

New Business

The Model A Ford Club of New Jersey is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year

Programs:

April: George Shoremount July: Dick Bettle
May: Dave Zuckerman August: Gene Bettle
June: John Bedner September: Teddy Blatt

The member giving the presentation is responsible for bringing the refreshments.

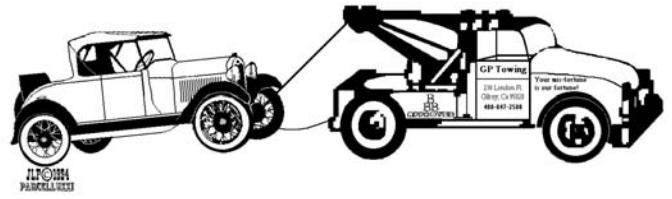
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Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:47 pm



brought with me a number of pictures of my old cars and also my racing logbook for you to look at. My first motor vehicle, when I was around 12, was a 1/4 midget that my father built for me. We used to race it around a small oval track we built behind his garage. After rolling it over, it was replaced with a go-kart we made with a 3-speed motorcycle transmission and an 8 hp lawnmower engine. I later took the parts from the

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from the scooter wound up on the snow blower I have now. My father was an aircraft mechanic and then owned his own garage. When he was younger, he used to ride an airplane with a smaller engine up and down Blancke Street in Linden. He had a Model "T" and then a Model "A" Ford and at one time a Buick hearse.

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