



MAPLE "A" NEWS

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Dues are due now for 2008. If your address label has 2007 your dues were due as of January 1, 2007. From now on please send them to the Treasurer Richard Phinney, 66 Featherbed Lane; South Hero, VT 05486. Dues for 2008, are \$20.00.

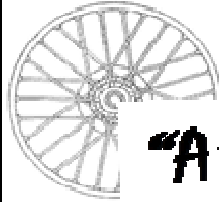
Speak-in A' Spokes and howdy folks .

Well its time to pull the steel wool out of your tail pipe because spring is here!

I hope that everybody has wintered well and are ready to start a year of fun driving as well as warm weather restoring. Dick Phinney is still in Florida and wanted Celine and; to come down but ... maybe next year. I'm too poor to own a cow and too rich to own a goat so we have to make snow flake cake again this year! Winter for me is not a problem. Cross country skiing, sanding the 1930 cc pick up, skiing, sanding ,sanding com-on paint!

It will be nice to see the gang again and get rolling on the movie as I have a new camera now and with the help of as many as possible, we will make something that will be a wonderful souvenir for ever and in high definition or HD .

Paul Boozan and I will get together this Saturday to map out the up coming season. We have one real important goal, FUN and then more FUN. if gas prices are getting you down just cut back on food , let the grass grow and shower just as little as possible to keep the light bill down and sell sell sell stuff you can live without like furniture. that will give you enough to buy gas for the Model "A" and take someone out for burgers and fries! Happy Chug-in.



SPEAK-IN- "A"- SPOKES

By President
Doug Leithead



Blowing My Horn...

Peter Crosby, Editor

What is going to be the future of cars shows like the Stowe Car Show and the Manchester Car Show in Vermont? The Stowe Car Show, which is in its 51st year and one of the largest car shows in New England, boasts to be the largest single event in Stowe and certainly in the top ten of all events of the year in Vermont in general. The Stowe Car Show has seen growth almost every year and had even survived the disastrous rain event just a few years ago. Many people come from all over the Northeast region of the United States and Quebec to attend. I have not seen the dollar figures on the money spent by attendees to the Car Show; but, I can tell you the hotels and restaurants are full during the event. There must be hundreds of thousands of dollars spent, and the State of Vermont collects their cut in the form of rooms and meals tax which takes nine percent and the gasoline tax which is another 20 cents a gallon. Now what I hear is that the State of Vermont Department of Taxes is not satisfied with what they are collecting and think they can milk more out of the attendees – specifically, the people that set up in the flea market. I was told by Tom McHugh, Stowe Show Flea Market Chairman, that everyone who plans on selling at the Flea Market will have to fill out a Sales Tax Form and will be expected to pay six percent of what they sell to the State! Not only is this proposal very greedy on the part of the State, but collecting sales tax from the flea marketers will be next to impossible to enforce and audit. For example, the organizers of the

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2008 Activities

Paul Boozan

Check out our website for further information and links for these events.

June 14 & 15, 2008	Manchester Antique & classic Car Meet	Manchester, VT
June 22-27, 2008	MAFCA & MARC Joint National Convention	Dallas, Texas
July, 2008	40th Anniversary Meet Hale & Diane Mattoon	Chelsea, VT
August 8—10, 2008	Stowe Antique & Classic Car Meet	Stowe, VT
September 25-27th, 2009	53rd New England Model A Meet	NH Lakes region

A View Down The Road- Paul Boozan, Activities Chairman



It is never too early to start thinking about the 2008 meet schedule. If you would like to host a meet this year please let me know so you can be included in our Spring, Summer and Fall activities. My phone number is 802-644-5688.

Chapter Flea Market

If you have something for sale, trade or what ever let me know.

Peter Crosby

For sale: Complete set of four fiberglass fenders for a 1930-31 Model "A" coupe or roadster (standard with no wheel well) Very good condition, \$400.00 for lot or trade. Steve Halford, 3451 Hartsboro Road, Wallingford, VT 05773; skhalford@aol.com; 802-446-2118

Free for the taking: Restorer and Model "A" News magazines from 1998 to date. Bruce Bushey, 802-877-2164



Bruce Bushey from So. Burlington VT, a member of the Green Mountain Model A Club showing his 1930 Truck.

[ahooga.com](http://www.ahooga.com)

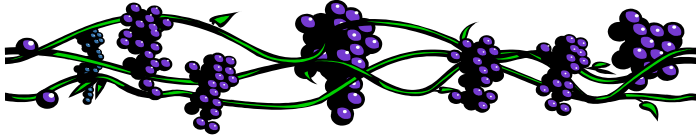


Bruce & Kathy Boozan's 1930 Ford Pickup is in Ahoogah's calander #4 it can be purchased on their web site and can viewed at the following URL.

http://www.cafepress.com/cp/get_latest_product_view.aspx?ProductNo=199875709&pr=July&showBleed=False

The Grapevine

The grapevine is news about our fellow members, Please let us know when your birthdays' and anniversaries are so they can be included. Contact Peter Crosby at 802-878-6376.



Birthdays

March 5
Norman Dube

April 2
Peggy Dube

April 4
Buzz Spencer
Mary Mazur

April 9
Al Lysak

April 13
Vicki Williamson

April 14
Rena Hart

April 21
Ellie Ball

April 22
Jackie Crosby

Last Warning

Club Dues

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Douglas Leithead elected as President of Model "A" Ford Club

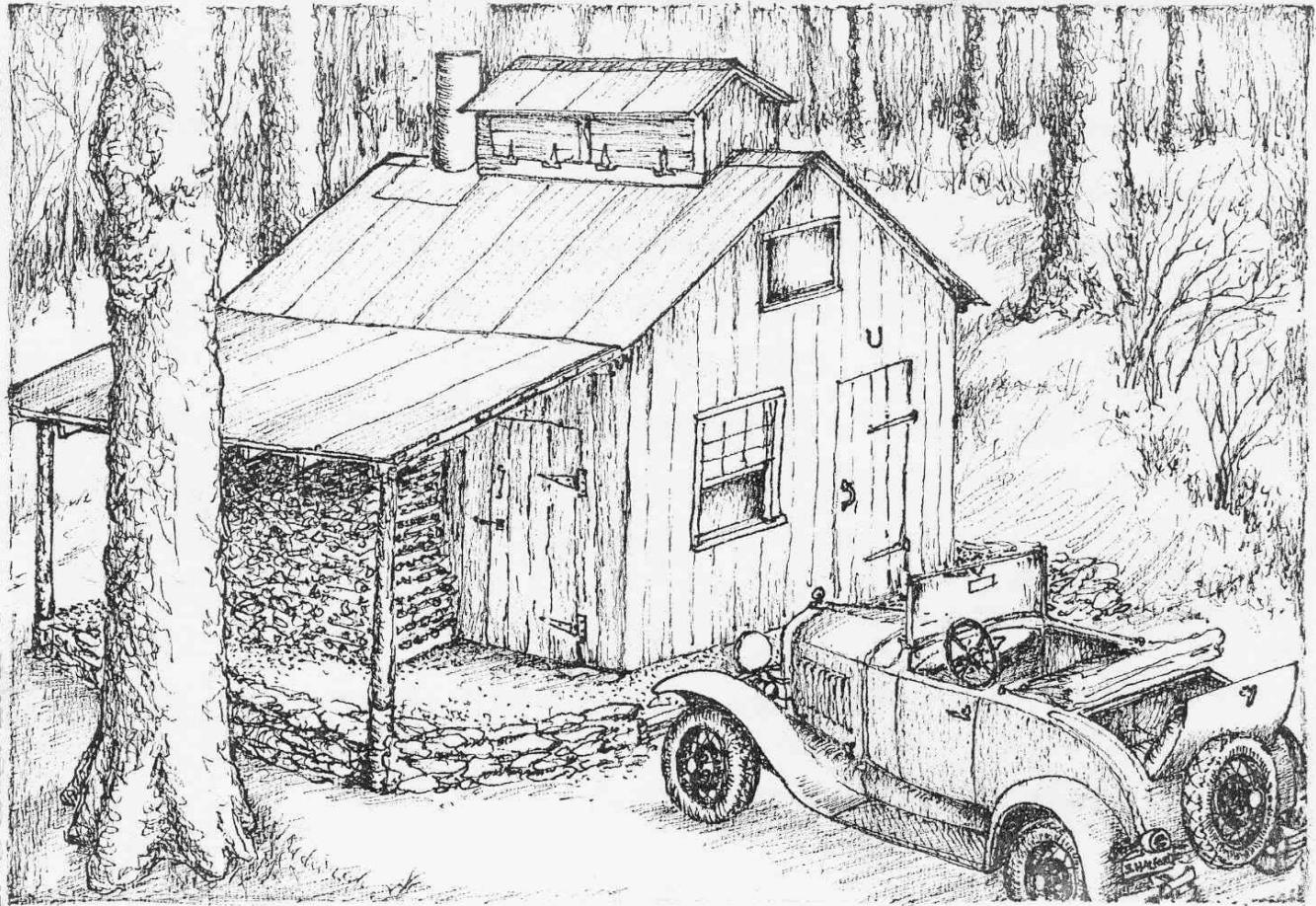
By Peter Crosby

Native Newport man Douglas Leithead was elected last November as the 2008 President of the Green Mountain Model "A" Ford Club. The Green Mountain Club was chartered in 1968 for people with the interest to own, restore and operate these collectable Ford cars that were manufactured from 1928 through 1931. The Green Mountain Club's members reside in all parts of Vermont and Eastern New York and are active driving their cars all over the northeastern United States and Canada. This special interest antique car club also represents the Model "A" Ford Club of America as a local Chapter and the Model "A" Restorers Club as a local region. This last year the Green Mountain Model "Aers" became members of the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc. which is a charitable organization whose goal is to preserve Model "A" Fords and memorabilia through research and education to current and future generations.

Doug has had interest in the Model "A" Ford for most of his adult life and is currently restoring his 1930 Closed Cab Pickup Truck and his early 1930 Town Sedan. As president this year, Doug would like to lead the Club's celebration of their 40th anniversary and organize the filming of a film short using club members with their cars along with Model "A" period style clothing and accessories. This year Doug and fellow club members also mark another milestone, with the 80th anniversary of the beginning of Ford's full Model "A" production which started in 1928, to replace the dated Model T Ford.

If you would like to learn more about the Green Mountain Model "A" Ford Club you can visit their web site at www.vtmodelaford.org.

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Another nice Model "A" drawing by Steve Halford



Blowing My Horn...Continued

Peter Crosby, Editor

Manchester Car Show found out about twelve years ago that, when the Town of Manchester wanted to charge the flea vendors their one percent piggy back sales tax, they lost almost half of their vendors with only the full-time businesses setting up. Since then the Town decided it was not a wise thing to collect tax payments from transient vendors. Their flea market is just starting to recover after people decided not to come and found other things to do that weekend. I have personally sold items in the flea markets before and I am sure the State or Town would probably only collect a grand total of a few hundred dollars collectively from all the vendors. That paltry amount of money is truly not worth the manpower that it would take to collect it. The Department of Taxes will only serve to anger vendors and buyers who may leave and never return. With today's high energy prices and recession worries, people who look forward to socializing with old friends and selling odds and ends spare parts will certainly not want to share their small profits with the State. Car collectors will loose out on a wonderful venue to find

that elusive part they need for their "pride and joy." The flea markets are the primary reason that I attend the car shows. Without the flea markets there will not be that attraction to draw of most of the car owners to the shows. I, for one, will not go to a show without a decent flea market because paying a registration fee to park my car, just to sit in the hot sun and watch the people walk by, is not the best use of my time. I guess I would prefer to go for a drive and skip the show. I hope that the Stowe Area Association is aware of this and uses its lobbying power to get this ill-advised decision reversed. I know the State is in trouble with its budgetary woes; but, they will be killing the goose that laid the golden egg. I predict that in two years the State will have succeeded in killing car shows and similar events. Maybe, just maybe, some club or Chamber of Commerce in New Hampshire will pick up where the Stowe Show and the State of Vermont will leave off. After all, the State of New Hampshire has done well without a sales tax!

Peter Crosby



MODEL "A" MISHAPS

By Donald Poutre



The Old Boot-Legger Road Kill Story

There's an old road that passes over the black hills from Troy to Irasburg. If only this road could talk. The stories it would tell. Grandma says the road was used mostly by boot-leggers to run moonshine from Canada to the US. Many times they were chased by the law and needed a place to hide. Grandpa would let them hide up in the high drive of the hay barn and in return for his kindness they would give him four or five bottles of whiskey! After the bootleggers left, he'd go get a few of his friends and they'd get drunk for three or four days!

Grandma would wink an eye and laugh and say, "old Three Cents, Fat Weed, Sneaky Pete and Happy Feet were some of Irasburg's finest gentlemen. Whenever there was a party, they were there!" She went on to say, "one time Grandpa went into the hay barn all by himself and stayed drunk for five days. When he did come out, he had wet himself and when he turned around, she realized he had soiled his pants too!"

He was so mad he was yellin' at the top of his voice "who sh-- in my pants."

Now Grandma being at wits end "I yelled back, if you would have asked them bootleggers for money instead of whiskey you might not have messed yourself and the money would have put food on the table!

That last remark made Grandpa so ugly that later, he grabbed his last bottle of whiskey and said, "If you want food I'll get you some food" and into the Model "A" he jumped and drove away cussing loud enough to wake the dead!

Grandma laughed again and winked at us kids saying "You know, I wasn't there so I have to trust Grandpa's version of what happened" With a slight chuckle she said, "his story seems to grow bigger each time he tells it".

Grandpa said as he was turning the corner down by Toe Joe's, (another of Irasburg's finest) "a thirty point buck jumped right in front of me! He must have weighed 235 pounds!"

Then Grandma told Grandpa, "why, the deer only had three points on his antlers and only weighed 82 pounds."

Grandpa said, "You know, when you get done scaring and beating the sh-- out of a deer there ain't much left!"

Well, after hitting the thirty point buck Grandpa lost control of his car and slammed right into a beech tree shaking a bear down out of the tree! Now with a dead deer already in the front seat, as the bear came down it hit two raccoons that happened to be up in the same tree. As all three fell, the bear landed on the hood of the Model "A" and broke his neck. The raccoons fell in the back of the car hitting their heads on the side of the door knocking them out cold! As the "Model "A" bounced off the tree it rolled a crossed the road, crashed through some wooden guard rails, and began to roll down the bank running over and killing two coy dogs that were drinking from the rivers edge. The car then rolled into the river and began to fill up with water and fish. Grandpa then got out of the car, crawled up the bank, and went to Toe Joe's house to call a wrecker. After searching for many different wrecker services he found one that would go along with his story of Will Hook Wrecker Service. U Call We Haul phone - 002Short. Upon arriving with the wrecker, he asked Grandpa how he was going to get paid. Grandpa said, "I don't have any money, but I have all kinds of meat or you can have four or five good stiff drinks of moon shine." Needless to say Grandpa found another drinking friend. And Grandma ... well, her and the kids had food for the winter and the kids all had fur coats, hats, and mittens all made from the animals that Grandpa brought home!

Tale of whoa By Donald Poutre
Future issue Grandpa takes Fat V'Jeed and sneaky Pete
Hunting!



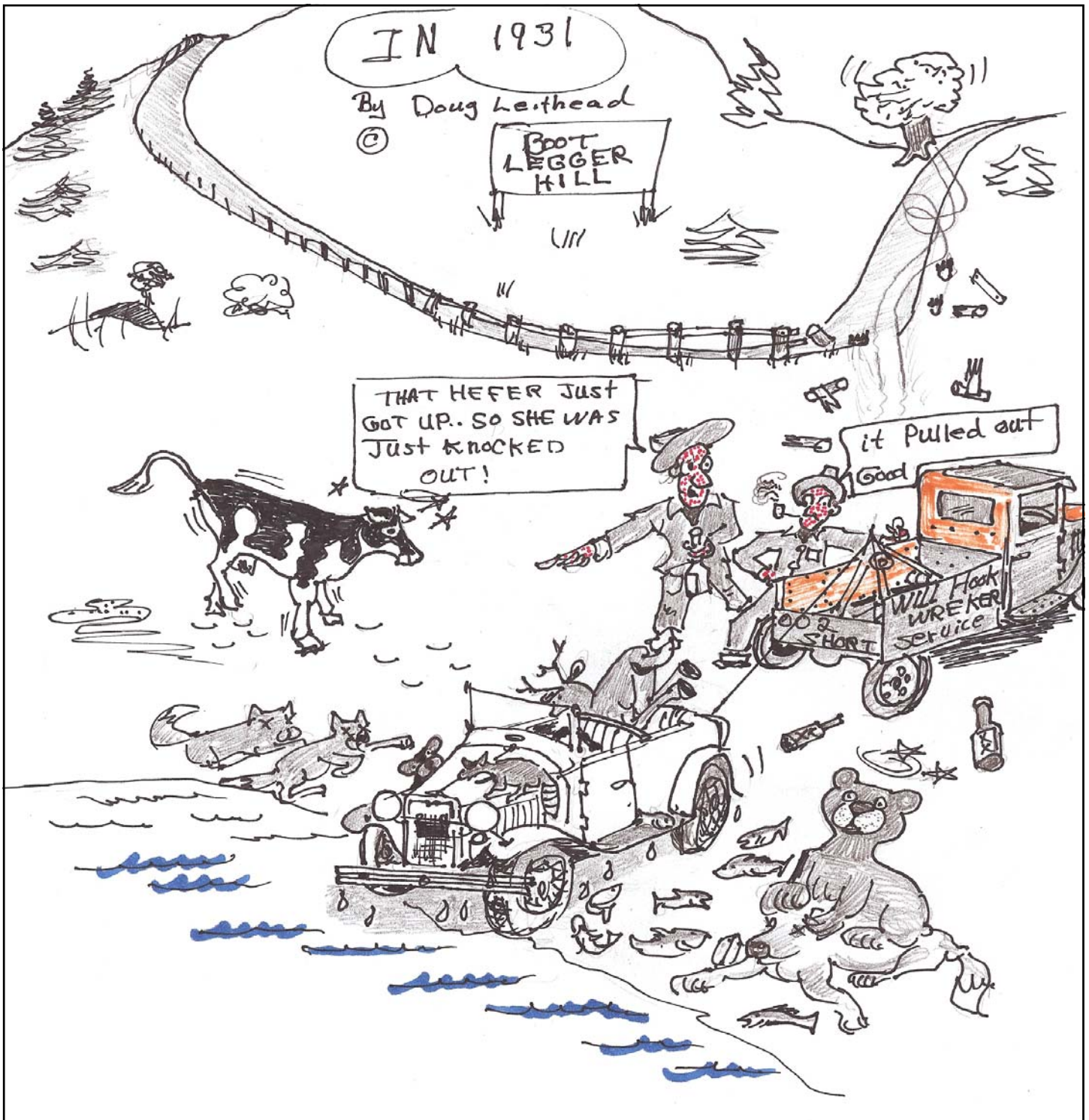
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YOU will take a real pride in the smart style and fresh new beauty of the Ford just as you will find an ever-growing satisfaction in its alert, capable performance. From the new deep radiator to the tip of the curving rear fender, there is an unbroken sweep of line — a flowing grace of contour and harmony of color heretofore thought possible only in an expensive automobile. Craftsmanship has been put into mass production.

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Treasurer's Report

Dick Phinney

Ending Balance-checking\$788.51
Ending Balance-savings.....\$1666.44
Charity Fund..... \$0.00

07/08/08

I would like to report a correction to Bob Davis's minutes from the annual meeting and publish in the January newsletter. The report projects an incorrect statement which highlighted a significant reduction in funds when actually I reported an extra thousand due to my haste or a typo. If you review the report, you will see the \$1987.45 is correct where previously I reported \$2987.45 and not the \$1507.25 as Bob reports.

Dick Phinney, Treasurer

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Chapter Flea Market

- ◆ Send description of items for the Flea Market to Peter Crosby via mail or Email to peter.crosby@verizon.net.
- ◆ Items should be described For Sale, trade, wanted, or take it away.
- ◆ For Sale items must be listed with asking price.
- ◆ Flea market is open to all members free of charge for auto and fashion related items only.

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