

# MAPLE "A" NEWS

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## SPINNING MY WHEELS

By Paul Boozan, President



How fast it does go!! It has been a busy summer. A lot has happened since I last wrote in June. Several of the club members went to Mansfield MA for the National MAFCA Meet the week of July 16-22. The weather was hotter then blazes but despite the weather everyone seemed to have a good time. Dick and Gail Phinney, Peter Crosby and Bonnie Chase, Doug Leithead and Celine DesChatelets, Louis Ahlen and Bob and Wilma Pramuk all brought they "A"s to Mansfield. The Phinney's and Louis Ahlen had their cars fine point judged. Congratulations to Dick and Gail for receiving a Blue Ribbon and Louis for his Award of Excellences.

On the fashion front there were several participants in the MAFCA fashion show held at the "High Tea" luncheon. It was a lot of fun to see everyone dressed in period costume. There are two categories for fashion. One is for original costume and the other is for reproduction costume. Peter and Bonnie, Gail, and Wilma all participated in the reproduction portion of the program. Peter won the Best of Show for his "working mans" outfit complete with knee high leather lace boots, suspenders and hat. Congratulations Peter. All and all our little club gave an honorable representation.



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Our next trip took us off to Larry and Louise Johnsons on July 30. There is always a great turnout at the farm. There were three new cars driven to the meet. John Aldous, Dick Phinney and Bruce Boozan all drove their new restorations. Nice job guys. After an abundance of food and social hour we all headed over to Ralph Farnsworth's in New Haven. Ralph has quite a collection of memorabilia. Much thanks to Larry and Louise and Ralph for hosting a fun meet.

### A View Down The Road-

#### Doug Leithead Activities Chairman

<b>What</b>	<b>Club Picnic</b>
<b>When</b>	<b>Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Where</b>	Richard & Gail Phinney 66 Featherbed Lane South Hero, VT
<b>Lunch</b>	Bring a Salad or desert to share, Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided
<b>Questions</b>	Call 802-372-5230 Please RSVP by September 5
<b>Activity</b>	Enjoy the lake shore, if you are brave bring your bathing suit.  Good idea to bring a chair

AND THEN on Aug. 6 just a week later several of us headed down to Ludlow where Louis Ahlen and Jon Davis met us at Danne Moore's Farm. Another wonderful collection of farm implements and machinery from the past. After lunch Jon and Louie offered a wonderful cake with a picture of a model "A" on it for desert. Danne and Louie took the men and some of the women on a tour of the farm to show them how all of the machinery worked. The remainder of the women were entertained by Jon Davis. It was quite an exciting time. Jon had the girls tying up corsets on each other and timing them to see who could do it the fastest. It was quite hilarious to watch. Kathy Boozan was the winner of a bottle of Dan's maple syrup from the sugar house on the farm. After a few funny stories and antics the ladies proceeded onto the "frying pan tossing contest." It's quite amazing how far some of those girls can throw a frying pan. You might think they had been doing it quite regularly! After all was said and done it was hard to tell who had the most fun Jon or the girls!! Thank you again John and Louie for putting on a great meet.

AND THEN the Stowe car show was probably the best weather we have had in years, no rain. It was great to see many old friends and stroll the flea market Friday and Saturday. Stowe seems to get bigger every year. Sunday was the car judging. Brother Bruce took a third place trophy for his new pickup. Congratulations Bruce, the truck came out great.

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## 2006 Activities

Doug Leithead

September 10, 2006	GMC Monthly Meet and Annual Picnic	South Hero, VT; Dick & Gail Phinney
September 15-17, 2006	40th Bennington Car Show	Bennington, VT
September 23, 2006	Bristol Harvest Festival and Car Show	Bristol, VT; Marguerite Senecal 802-388-7951
September 23-24 2006	8th Annual Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Show	Ludlow, VT Danne Moore 802-228-5652
October date TBA	GMC Overnight Tour	
October 5-8, 2006	AACA Hershey Car Meet	Hershey, PA
November 12, 2006	GMC Fall Business Meeting	Ferrisburgh, VT; Charlie & Deanna Shapiro
December date TBA	GMC Christmas Party	

### *You should know...*

That the club has a number of video tapes for members use. Contact: Charlie Shapiro; 802-877-8332 or email at shellmt@together.net

**Video Tapes:** Carbs and Carbos; Dial D for Distributor; Genin' Along with Lloyd & Floyd; Henry Ford Biography; How to Avoid Fahrenheit Fright; How to Stop on a Dime; Model A Horns.

**Books:** *Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook* (we have 2 copies of this)

### *You also Should Know...*

The very latest Club Roster with all of the up-to-date revisions is always available by just be emailing me or Bonnie at peter.crosby@verizon.net. Along with the Roster I also have available our Club's, M.A.F.C.A's and M.A.R.C's applications and also a copy of our club bylaws.

## *Chapter Flea Market*

**Wanted 1930 Model AA truck parts.** I am in the process of looking for parts such as truck running boards, stake bed parts and bed rails. If anyone can help me out with any old truck stuff I would be most appreciated. Steve Halford, 3451 Hartsboro Road, Wallingford, VT 05773, 802-446-2118.

**For Sale 1930 Model "A" Deluxe Roadster:** Just completed the 2005 Glidden Tour in Altoona, PE, 550 miles. And a 2002 twenty foot enclosed Car Mate Trailer with all necessary connections, it is lined, lights, tie downs, etc. with over \$8000.00 invested. Asking \$32,000.00 for all.



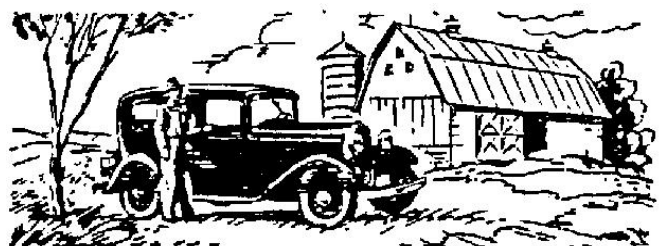
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By Paul Boozan, President

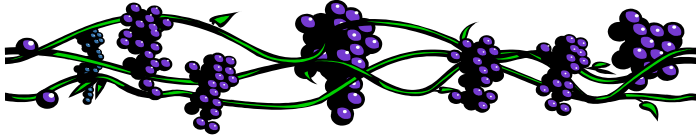
Summer is coming to a close fast. There won't be many more chances to get the cars out. Hope to see all of you at Phinneys on Sept. 10 in South Hero for our Annual Picnic. Vicki has a surprise for the raffle for "Make a Wish."

Happy A ing  
Paul



## *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.



**ANNIVERSARY**  
**September 14th Marvin & Ellie Ball 22**  
**years**

**BIRTHDAY**  
**September 19th Deanna Shapiro**

Summary of Les Andrews Do's & Don'ts Touring Seminar at the Mansfield convention. He recommended things you could do so that you can drive your Model A with the same reliability and confidence as your modern car.

- ◆ Do install a higher compression head
- ◆ Do an improved camshaft grind
- ◆ Do lighten the flywheel to 45 lbs.
- ◆ Do use safety glass
- ◆ Do use the V8 pressure plate.
- ◆ Do use the original Ford motor mounts.
- ◆ Do use the Zenith carburetor.
- ◆ Do install a thermostat.
- ◆ Do use a plastic fan.
- ◆ Do a leakless water pump.
- ◆ Do install an Aries muffler.
- ◆ Do use 1970 V8 Ford points.
- ◆ Do use an improved electronic ignition.
- ◆ Do install a new distributor drive gear.
- ◆ Do install an improved starter drive.
- ◆ Do check for tight ammeter connections.
- ◆ Do run an alternator.
- ◆ Do run halogen headlights
- ◆ Do use a fuse block.
- ◆ Do use a disconnect switch.
- ◆ Do use LED lamps for your tail & stop lights.
- ◆ Do shorten pitman arm.
- ◆ Do use working shocks.
- ◆ Do use cast iron brake drums.
- ◆ Do correct brake adjustment.
- ◆ Do use turn signals.
- ◆ Do use seat belts.

Thanks to Louis Ahlen and Jon Davis for organizing the Barker Farm meet in August, in Ludlow, VT. The meet was well attended by Green Mountain Model "A" Club, the North Country Model "A" Club and some AACA members. The owner of the farm and antique equipment Danne Moore gave a tour of his collection. Below: Danne prepares to crank over his 1922 Cle-trac Crawler.

Photo by Peter Crosby

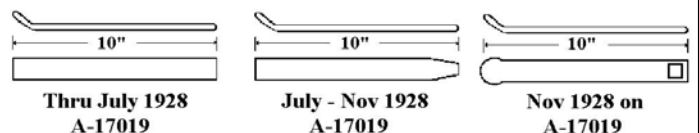


Below: while most of the men were looking at the antique tractors. Jon Davis supervises while Vicki Williamson ties a corset during a competition for the ladies at the Barker Farm Meet. Jon also organized a fry pan toss. I am happy to report nobody was hit.

Photo by Peter Crosby



### Model A Tire Irons



# 2006 MAFCA Convention

By Peter Crosby

M.A.F.C.A.'s July, 2006 Convention in Mansfield, Massachusetts was a great success. Although the weather was warm there seemed to be a very good turn out with well over 500 registered. MARCOM who hosted the convention did a wonderful job with the organization and planning of this event everything from my point of view went without a hitch.

There were several Green Mountain members that participated in the organized events such as fine point car judging, era fashion competition. Members Louis Ahlen with a 1929 Special Coupe and our Treasurer Richard Phinney with his 1929 Roadster each received first place trophies for the debut of their new restorations in fine point Blue Ribbon Judging. Era Fashion judging participants were Club Secretary Bonnie Chase who received a participants ribbon and Newsletter Editor Peter Crosby got an award of Excellence and the Best of Show in Reproduction for his era fashion outfit. Also, I cannot forget the rest of the members Vicki Williamson, Dick & Gail Phinney, Kathy Boozan, Pat Aldous, Celine' Des Chatelets, Doug Lithead, and Pat Aldous who also dressed in style. Our President Paul Boozan and his partner Vicki Williamson dressed up an attended the Presidents dinner and met with M.A.F.C.A.'s Board of Directors.

At the Welcoming Party the crowd was treated by our Vice President Doug Leithead when he got up on stage and sang his Model "A" song which he composed. In response Model-A-ers brought down the house with applause, Doug took a bow and signed some autographs while I fielded questions on why his song is not yet on CD. I hope to soon have as an mp3 on our website.

Members had a variety of seminars to choose from like Model "A" engine rebuilding, Model "A" Jacks, Era Fashions, Touring Does and Don'ts, Newsletter writing and more. The destination of the mandatory tour was the Collins Foundation Museum where there was a group photograph taken which you probably see in the next issue of *The Restorer*. The parts swap meet was first class. I know of several members including myself purchased hard to find parts and accessories for their cars or car projects. Paying a visit to the Repair Tent to talk and give encouragement to the car owners that were working on their cars was always a fun way to pass the time. Out of all the Model "A's" in attendance there was only one engine swap and one transmission repair. The rest of the activity was fortunately only oil changes, tire repairs and adjustments.

What a wonderful time we had, we are looking forward to the next convention, you might plan on coming along next time it was a lot of fun.



President Paul Boozan and Vicki Williamson all dressed up for the presidents reception.



Above: H&H Engine Rebuilding giving the engine rebuilding seminar. Below: A car in the repair tent with the rear axle removed to get to the transmission for repair. Bottom: There was a good selection of spare parts if needed at the swap meet. Photos by Peter Crosby



## PUTTING ON THE RITZ

By Peter Crosby



My first time having an outfit judged was an interesting and pleasurable experience. Finding an outfit is only half the fun. I needed to research similar items featured in period catalogs or the Fashion Judging Standards to provide documentation to show the judges that my ensemble was representative of the time (1931).

After changing my mind several times in trying to find the right combination of elements from my collected clothing items I decided to do an outdoor workman or hunter impression. There was an illustration that I noted in the 1931 Sears Catalog. I had all of the major elements of the outfit like hat, shirt, breeches, and boots. A one alteration needed to be made on the breeches by removing the zipper and adding the buttons on the fly. The breeches were probably made sometime in the 1940' or 50's when button flies were passé. The shirt I selected from my militaria collection was a N.O.S. US Army cotton khaki shirt from World War 2. A contemporary khaki work shirt will not be correct because of the modern sewing techniques such as zigzag or surging. The boots were found on eBay several years ago, they are a reproduction of the US Army Model of 1931 Calvary issue that were made by a company that specializes in footwear for re-enactors.

After putting together the elements of the outfit I needed to write a description. This description is read in front of the judges which explains the outfit and gives the judges an idea of what you are trying to portray. This description is forwarded to the judging committee a few weeks before the event. When you arrive at the convention you are notified as to what time you are expected to appear in costume. My appointment was the third slot in the morning just after my wife Bonnie.

After breakfast, Bonnie and I helped one another getting dressed I helped Bonnie with her seamed stockings alignment and she helped me with my boots and braces. We both went to the appointed place and posed for the official photographs. Bonnie went in first while I spent the time talking to Bruce Adams, the events official photographer and a participant in the fourth slot just behind me. After a period of time Bonnie returned to the room from being judged. Her first impression was that they were tough by looking at every detail seriously.

Now it was my turn. Nervously, I entered the room, there was about eleven people, ten women and one man all seated around a horseshoe arranged table. I was surprised to see so many judges. I was asked to stand in front of the group. While my description was read to the group I handed off some photos of ads of similar items I found in a 1931 Sears Catalog for better documentation and clarity of what I was dressed as. I was then asked to walk over to the

my left were the first set of judges were to assess the major garment in my case it consisted of the shirt and breeches. Before I knew it my right shirt sleeve was being un-buttoned and rolled up to see how my shirt was stitched. After the stitching was confirmed a question was asked by one of the ladies; "Do you have a button Fly?" I responded; "yes I do", at the same time reaching down with the idea of spreading the button flap to show them when the ladies said "THAT'S OKAY WAY TOO MUCH INFORMATION !" everyone in the room laughed. Now I was having some fun and the butterflies disappeared. The next set of judges look at my hat and hair that I had slicked down with Brillcream (yes you can still buy it). The judges examined my fedora brown felt hat and seem satisfied it was correct for the time. The next table I stood in front of the ladies and they said; "we need to see your underwear". I was expecting that. I unbuttoned my shirt and showed them the buttons of my Summer weight union suit. I told them it was similar to the one in the photo that I provided to them. They also were judging my belt, braces, and tie. They said they liked my belt, I did not have the heart to tell them that I made it utilizing an old gun sling that I dyed black, an attached a sterling silver buckle that I found at an antique shop. The accessory judges were next.



Bonnie Chase and Peter Crosby after the fashion awards at the Mansfield Convention July, 2006

Photo by Dick & Gail Phinney

I told them I came over accessorized, because Bonnie just mentioned before I went in your are limited too only three items. I started to empty my pockets on the table a fountain



Top: A photograph from the 1931 Sears Catalog showing the boots that I have. Note the surveyor on the left. Above: Is an illustration of the cotton khaki work shirt I wore.

pen, match safe, cigarette case with some very old Chesterfields, silver flask, octagon pocket watch, eye glasses, clip on sunglasses, change purse with old coins, old wallet with three dollars in old paper money, and a Buxton key holder with my Model "A" keys. The judges looked at everything an examined my vintage sunglasses closely, one judge said she had never seen a pair before. The then judges said I needed to choose which items I wanted them to consider. I chose the eyeglasses because, I said, "they are part of the impression", the silver flask and the pocket watch. They commented they were wise choices. The last station was the judges that were responsible for footwear I could tell they were impressed. I was asked to lift my leg so they could check out the leather soles of the boots. "Where did you ever find them?", I was asked. I told them, "they were made by a company in Texas. Very similar to the boots pictured in the Sears Catalog." When the judges were satisfied I was escorted to the door, the judging was complete.

A few days later the awards ceremony was held at the High Tea event where there was a fashion show for the people with their outfits that for some reason did not want to be judged. Gail Phinney participated in the show and was a real knockout. The awards were being given in the same order as we were judged. Again I was third, when I went on stage it was announced I had received an Award of Excellence. Wow! That was great, the first time out, not bad, I was very satisfied. Later in the awards ceremony I was again called up on stage, it was announced that I had been awarded Best of Show in Reproduction. Later I learned I had received 149.6 points out of a possible 150!

I am looking forward to the next convention. I will now be looking for that perfect outfit next time, maybe, it will be an original.

If you ever want to participate in the Fashion Judging process you will need to research the magazines and catalogs of the Model "A" period (1928-1931) then find the proper outfit and accessories, its fun. If you are thinking why bother, Peter already has an outfit that will win the best of show, I will never stand a chance. Even though the outfit is a best of show winner it is retired now by the rules I can not wear it again in MAFC A competition. So what are you waiting for?



Treasurer's Report	
Dick Phinney	
Ending Balance-checking .....	\$908.39
Ending Balance-savings .....	\$1649.85
Charity Fund .....	\$175.00
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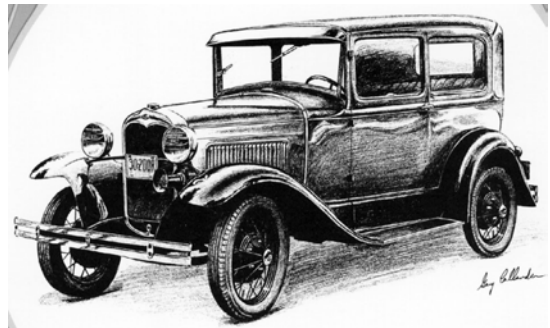
Green Mountain members keeping busy. There are four new restorations completed this year and now on the road. Check out the photos below. Let's see stories written on each restoration.



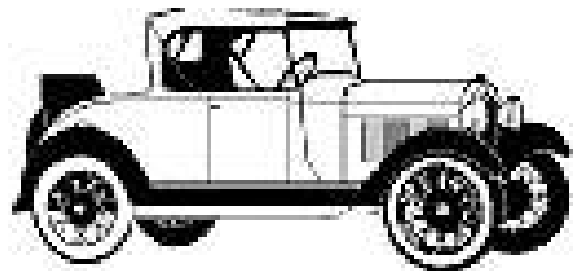
No photo yet: Louis Ahlen of Woodstock, VT completed a 1929 Special Coupe. The Coupe won a First Place at Mansfield. Congratulations. Louie can you send us a photo?



Left: Richard and Gail Phinney of South Hero, VT with their 1929 Model A Roadster. They are dressed in era fashion. This photo was taken at the MAFCA convention July of this year. Dick received a first place in Blue Ribbon fine Point Judging. Well Done!



Left: John and Pat Aldous of Plattsburg, New York pose by the completed 1931 Model A Ford Town Sedan at Johnson's meet in July. The car has some touring modifications such as a 1939 transmission and overdrive. John and Pat are not afraid to drive their car long distances. I love it.



Left: Bruce & Kathy Boozan of South Burlington, VT out on their very first tour. Bruce under the guidance of his brother Paul and friends restored this 1930 Model A Closed Cab Pickup. The pickup restoration was first started by a late member Ron Williamson. Bruce & Kathy got a Third Place Trophy at the Stowe Show. Great Job it is nice to see it on the road.



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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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