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Amy and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends! With the holidays behind us, I'm sure everyone is now in full hunker down and stay warm mode.

I want to thank Joe and Laurie Becker for a year of amazing activities and fun. We went to and did a lot of fun stuff!

Please think about volunteering to do a tour, a luncheon run, a ride to nowhere, an ice cream etc. There are no set rules other than for us to get out, drive our A's and have a good time. Having many involved is what makes this club so great.

Be sure to also think about your A and what TLC it could use. This is a good time to get parts for and do stuff on your A.

The location of the next few meetings will be hosted by Jonathan at Joey's limo located on West Mountain St Worcester. Touring season will be here before you know it (how many days till Spring???)

As we look back, the Old Car Club and the Worcester County Model A Club after Christmas Party was held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Val's Restaurant in Holden. The evening was cold and snowy, so it felt like Christmas. We had about 40 folks attend. It was great to see and catch up with folks and the appetizers, meal, dessert and music were all excellent. Entertainment was from The Mason Tyler Duo. Many thanks to Jonathan for once again coordinating this evening and to John Richinick of the OCC for organizing the drive to collect personal items for residents at the Veterans shelter.

The early Ford V8 club has asked our club to once again help them at their annual swap meet the morning of April 28th if we can. Please consider volunteering if you can spare the time (7am-1pm) as this is a good swap meet and they need the help to keep it going.

We have parked cars in the past and it's kind of neat as you get to see all the show cars up close and personal as they come in.

We will have a sign up sheet or you can send me a note and I'll compile a list of volunteers.

Below is the note from Brian Richter who is helping coordinate volunteers.

The meet is April 28th, from 8:00 - 1:00, but as we all know vendors will be getting there as early as 5:00

Show cars & spectators usually start to arrive around 7:00

Any help is welcome

As announced earlier, we have established the dates and destination of the 2024 President's Tour. The tour will take place from June 2nd through 9th and the destination will be Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. We will be staying at the Crescent Inn and Suites in Wolfeboro. This facility has two floors, and the rooms are laid out front to back. I believe all have a view of the lake. There is a choice of single king room or 2 queen bed room, both are the same price.

We have a negotiated rate for our club of \$129/nightthe website says \$149 and if you reserve now (Ski season) your reservation receipt will say \$169/night. You can ignore this price as I was assured the price for our group will be \$129 during that time. I suggest you make a reservation if you think you want to go, you can always cancel later on.

If you reserve online (recommended) put a note in the comments section

1. "Room rate code 2200" Let's them know it's the WCMAC and the \$129 price.

2. Also if you prefer, you can note "First floor room".

If you prefer to call them, you may have to leave a message, please state:

1. You are with the Worcester County Model A Ford Club

2. and the room rate Code is 2200

Contact info is below:

280 South Main Street, Route 28 | Wolfeboro, NH 03894 crescentlakesuites@gmail.com

(603) 569 - 1100 or 888 - 569 - 1110

Crescent Lake inn and suites website for booking Rooms & Accommodations In Lake Winnepesaukee Area | Crescent Inn & Suites (crescentlakeinn.com)

Yours in Model A'ing

A-A-H-O-O-G-A --

-Paul



**A card was sent to Karen Hyson on the passing of her sister.
A card was sent to the family of Frank Miller on his passing
If you know of anyone that should receive a card please let Lyn know.**

Lyn Stevens Sunshine



No new members

Lyn Stevens Membership



**FEBRUARY 20TH 7:00PM MEETING AT
JOEY'S LIMOUSINE
76 MOUNTAIN ST
WORCESTER MA**



Treasurer's Report		
Balance, November 30, 2023		\$5,810.19
Income		
Dues		\$20.00
Raffle		\$32.00
Coffee		\$8.00
Total Income		\$60.00
Expenses		
PO Box Rental		\$88.00
T&G Santa		\$100.00
Total Expenses		\$188.00
Net Income		-\$128.00
Balance December 31, 2023		\$5,682.19



MARCOM Annual Flea Market March 3, 2024 7:30 am to 11:00 am \$3 22 Myrtle St Norfolk, MA 02056

Annual Winter Blahs Swap Meet. Minuteman Model A Ford Club of MA March 24, 2023 7:30 am to 11:30 am Elks Lodge 34 Powder Mill Rd Maynard, MA 01754

Early Ford V8 club show and swap meet Sunday April 28th. Fitchburg Airport

67th annual New England Meet - CMARC Rocky Hill Ct. - Sept 12-15th Sheraton Hartford south Call 860-257-6000 for room reservation use code NE Model A Meet 2024

Natchez Trace Parkway tour. Keith and Ellen Costello are organizing a Natchez Trace Parkway tour in October, 2024. Keith has previously shared some of the details regarding this tour



Model A Youth Education

by Keith Costello, Worcester County Model A Club

May has become known as Model A Youth Month and on May 19 the Worcester County Model A Club led by President Joe Becker and ten members spent the morning with high school students from Bay Path Regional Vocational School Automotive Technology class in Charlton, MA.

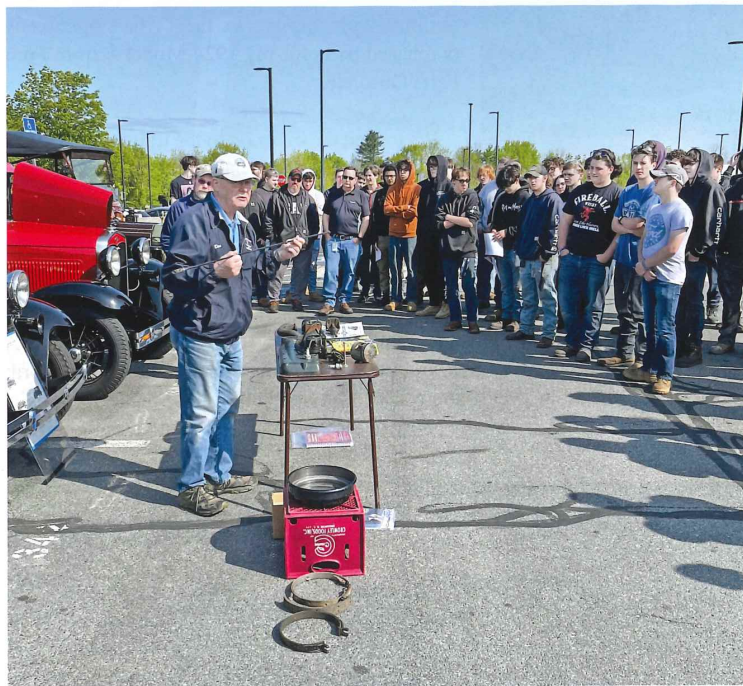
Club members brought eight Model A's; a 1930 Fordor Briggs Town Sedan, a 1931 Fordor Murry Sedan, two 1931 Slant Window Sedans, a 1929 Tudor, a 1930 Roadster and a late 1931 Pickup. Students were able to see how the different body styles were interchangeable on the same frame while using the same drivetrain and motor.

Member Jim Sheridan drove his 1913 Model T for the students to have an opportunity to compare the advances Ford made with the Model A over the Model T. Students learned the history of the A and were actively involved in asking questions. A big applause came when we compared the Model T blub type horn to the famous Model A ahooga horn.



Also on display were a variety of parts including a distributor, coil, sparkplugs, head, piston and connecting rod, carburetor, intake and exhaust manifold, water pump and brake shoe assembly and drum. Students were able to handle the parts and they found the mechanical brakes compared to hydraulic brakes quite interesting.

A short video was shown on a four-cylinder flathead engine running with a transparent cylinder head. A second video; Tesla vs Model T compared the similarities and differences from then to current day automotive technology. Additionally, Ford specification sheets and fun facts on the Model A were distributed



by President Becker. The Model A Mechanics Handbook by Les Andrews was donated by the club for their library.

Overall, the club felt that this was a rewarding day for members and more importantly the students. Over fifty students and teachers partook, and we learned that one student has a 1931 coupe gifted by his grandfather and showed interest in joining the club.

"A" thank you to Superintendent Kyle Brenner, Vocational Director Jim Tripp Pockevicius of Bay Path Regional High School and Automotive Technology teachers Joe Westwell, Andrew Donais and Ryan Tierney and Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing teachers Ray Beck and Mike Roemer for hosting us. Worcester County Model A Club members included Joe Becker, Ted Boulay, Keith Costello, Jerry & Karen Hyson, Ron Laconto, David Libbey, Paul & Amy O'Keefe, Jim & Pauline Sheridan.

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*Just send us an EMAIL at modelarestorersclub@gmail.com with your information and we will take it from there!!





A few pictures from the January 20 after Christmas party. Decent turn, about 50 braved the afternoon snow storm to attend. Lots of conversations, nice music, great food and donations to the veterans group. Good time was had by all.

Doug Linden

