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## Model A Club discovers cure for Cabin Fever

After enduring power outages, wind storms, snow and ice, the group of Model A survivors that met Saturday were more than ready to be out and about for a while and Stone Fence Pottery in Nicholasville made the perfect destination. The 20,000 sq. ft. facility is perhaps one of the finest, privately owned hand made porcelain studios in America. Master Potter Gustave (Fritz) Wolff III started this business in 1970 after retiring as an art professor. Although he has received some of the top design awards in the world for high quality porcelain dolls, now his focus is one of a kind, hand made stoneware of the highest quality.

Although already a Master Potter in his on right, Casten Barchmann came from Germany in 2007 to study with Fritz, blending his own European skills with contemporary American



techniques. The two take great pride in producing the quality products their German ancestors were known for centuries ago but with a modern twist, introducing several specialty pieces to keep pace with our culinary evolution. All of their ceramics are fired at 2,550°F. or about twice the temperature of most other pottery on the market, needless to say it will withstand use in the oven, microwave and dishwasher.

Fritz and Casten took the group through the ancient process of turning a lump of clay into a finished vessel, explaining the multitude of stages that determine whether the finished product becomes a flower pot, a work of art or a pile of shards on the kiln floor.

John Yates, who arranged this great tour, met Fritz years ago through a common interest in a Model A Ford. Today, as in-laws, they also share a common interest in grandchildren.

Stone Fence Pottery is a hidden treasure, well worth a visit. A beautiful Model A Phaeton has a place of honor in the showroom, surrounded by their signature pottery, antiques, and porcelain dolls. Fritz is an artist but also a good businessman, you will find something unique in your price range. Casten and Fritz would love to show you around the pottery studio but since they also make it, sell it and ship it, you can understand the need to call before you visit, 859-396-6841.



*Top Photo- John, Fritz and Casten in the spacious studio showroom.*

*Left- Casten demonstrates throwing a clay pot, the basis of all their products.*

*Right- Fritz demonstrates the bell sound of a quality ceramic piece fired at a molecular fusing high temperature.*





## Get to know Gene & Nancy Swisher

We joined the Club sometime during the Mid 1990's. At that time we had a partially restored Tudor sitting in our garage. Since I didn't have time to work on it, we started looking for a finished "A". Billy Bates found one around Elizabethtown for sale. We were able to trade the unfinished "A" for it. It was a nice Tudor and we drove it until we moved to Jessamine Co. in 1994. At that time Billy Bates found our current coupe in a barn in Woodford County. Mechanically it was in good shape but needed painting and interior work. We also had the trunk converted to a rumble seat.

In 1997, I became the treasurer of the club and held that position until 2007. During that period, we hosted a tri-state meet and the 2006 MARC Membership Meet. The longest trip we have taken was to the National Meet in Grand Rapids, MI. That trip was over 1300 miles. We have tried to take as many trips each year as we have been able to make, including four or five overnights.

I learned to drive in my Dads 1934 Chevy, "stick shift", in the late thirties, so driving a Model "A" was no problem. A few years ago, I got the "A" out of the garage to check the brakes and it decided to be contrary. Billy Bates and John Blair made a number of trips to my garage trying to diagnose the problem to no avail. Finally, after several months of making all possible adjustments, it decided to run and has been doing so ever since. We are now living back in Lexington and I drive whenever I get a chance.

*From the Editor This is the club directory entry for Gene and Nancy Swisher. If you haven't sent your entry to Grant Baker yet and would like some help with it contact Grant. If you have been to any club activities I may have a photo you can use. Let me know if you would like me to look.*

## Tech Tip: A Mickey Mouse Solution

Are you using moth balls to keep the mice out of your stored vehicles? Many say that Irish Spring soap or Bounce dryer sheets work as well with a less toxic odor. A hungry cat is still the best solution, if you can tolerate cats.

## 1930s Era Changed Fashion Forever, Part II

Clothing styles changed from the shapeless dresses of the 1920s to flowing, softer styles that managed to accent curves. Dress length dropped a bit, but not as much as it had prior to the 1920s. Women were still able to show off slender legs and ankles.

Prior to the 1930s, most women rarely wore make-up. But Hollywood was making sound movies, and more people than ever were crowding into the movie theaters, which, at that time cost only 5 cents. And the screen stars wore make-up. American women were finding that a tube of lipstick and some rouge for their cheeks didn't cost very much and enhanced their beauty, so they began wearing make-up on a regular basis.

Women also emulated the style of many of the screen stars and plucked their eyebrows to pencil thinness, using petroleum jelly to make them stay straight and shiny.

Max Factor was the leading Hollywood make-up artist of the day. In the 1930s, he had a salon on Hollywood Boulevard and everyone who was anyone in Hollywood went to him for cosmetics. Max Factor makeup today is generally sold in drug stores and is considered low-end, but in the 1930s, Factor's make up was all the rage. He began selling his products in stores everywhere across the country at inexpensive prices. Although it would take another 10 years before the average American woman used nail polish, the 1930s was the era when women began using make-up without fear of being stigmatized.

It was the necessity of "catching a man" that changed the face of fashion forever. Clothes styles for women continued to stay feminine for the next several decades, hair continued to get longer and styled in face-flattering ways and all over the United States, women began wearing make-up. The need for "looking pretty" was the mother of invention to a billion dollar industry that still rages on today.

*from the internet*

## Spring Specials

**Cast Iron Brake Drums**-front or rear, U.S. made: \$95 each  
**Black Steering Wheels**-all years available: \$95  
**Red Keyed Steering Wheel:** \$125  
**A12405 Champion "Go Plugs"**-set of 4: \$26.95  
**A12405RE Autolite Spark Plugs**-set of 4: \$13.95  
**A18478S Manifold Heater**-bolts to stock manifold: \$65  
**A18479S Heater Valve**-mounts to firewall: \$8.95  
**All Stainless Stone Guards**- with mounting brackets: \$130  
**Black Trunk**-complete with straps, FREE optional tray: \$380  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a tough winter on those of us who have become spoiled by the luxury of electricity. Hopefully none of you suffered too long without it. Model A folks are unusually adaptable and creative, so I wouldn't be surprised to hear some of you were lighting the house with spare parts from your old car. Hang in there a little longer, warmer weather will be here soon and there's no prettier place to be than Kentucky in the spring.

Remember our March mystery tour coming up on the 21st, you'll get more details in the next newsletter. We also have several members from the club planning on representing us at the MARC Membership Meet, March 26 - 28. Delmer Dalton or Burt Nation can provide more details if you're interested.

There have been requests for T-shirts with our club logo. Carl Goodwin and Judy Akers have been successful collecting quotes and will likely have the shirts for those interested by the time it's warm enough to wear them. Hopefully ordering information will be available in the next newsletter.

If you haven't visited ckmarc.com in a while, check it out! Eric Akers provides us with a first class website. We really appreciate his talent!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to new members Joe and Betty Swann from Drakes Branch, Virginia. Although some distance away, Joe traveled with the club to Rogersville last year and hopefully will continue to be part of our touring group.

Also welcome to Ken and Sonja Hiler from Lexington. We hope they take full advantage of all the club activities.

When you hear about one of our member families suffering from illness or bereavement, please remember to let me know and I will send the appropriate message from the club. Judy Akers 502-535-6665

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Good news, we've collected membership dues from most of our members. Please look at your address label for a small red dot, it means I don't have you recorded as paying your 2009 club dues, which remain a bargain this year at \$10 each or \$15 for the family.

Do you ever wonder how your dues are used? For the calendar year 2008 we had approximately 75 dues paying members. I say approximately because during the transition from Gene Swisher to me, there may have been some slippage in who actually paid their dues because some paid Gene and others paid me. A decision was made to include all, even though some may not have actually paid. According to my records, there were 63 paying members but all figures below are based on an average of 75 paying members.

### Total Club Expenditures Meetings, Picnics, etc.

January Meeting.....	\$200.00
Picnics.....	231.92
Antique Car Show.....	300.00
Christmas Meeting.....	<u>294.15</u>
Total	\$1,026.07
Total per Paid Member.....	\$13.68

### Newsletters and Postage

Printing.....	\$1,362.14
Postage.....	<u>415.00</u>
Total	\$1,777.14
Total per Paid Member .....	\$23.70

### Calendars

Total for the Year.....	\$ 562.98
Total per Paid Member.....	\$7.51

### Contributions and Flowers

Contributions.....	\$ 100.00
Flowers.....	<u>210.00</u>
Total.....	\$310.00
Total per Paid Member.....	\$4.13

The amounts above exclude rather small annual expenditures, such as the state corporation fee and the national club registration fee as well as occasional club subsidies, such as lunch at Renfro Valley, jackets, etc for 2008. Nevertheless, as can be seen, based on a membership of 75 members, the per member expenditure was \$49.00, a great buy for a \$15.00 membership fee. Obviously the club spends more on the members than collected through dues and the difference has been coming from our savings fund.

If you have a red dot on your address label please send your dues to:  
Mike Tearney  
4890 McCowans Ferry Rd.  
Versailles, KY 40383

## MODEL A FORD MARKET

### Model A Fords for Sale:

'30 Coupe, Black, 32,000 original miles, many recent improvements including brakes and head gasket. \$8,500 Bill Goetz 859-299-5333

**Roadster project**, best reasonable offer. James Barnes - 859-901-0993

'28 Model A chassis, \$500 Rick Lyons 502-895-6222

From the Cincinnati area:

'28 Roadster - \$15,000, '30 Tudor - \$12,000, '31 S/W Town Sedan - \$14,000 Dave Helton 513-769-3029

'29 boat tail speedster with new Ron Miller engine, \$15,500. Ron Brown, 513-367-9685.

'30 Town Sedan Murray body, mostly original, \$10,000. Jack Meyer, 513-207-1931

'31 S/W Town Sedan, lots of extras, great touring car. Tom Lange, 513-310-7172

### Michigan tour update Sept. 5-12

For those interested in the September Michigan tour there are several options to choose from. Group #1 will be for those who will drive their A's the entire way, they will be led by John Yates. Group #2 will be those who trailer their car and leave on Wednesday September 2nd for Dearborn to visit the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village and the Fairlane Estate, before joining the rest of the group for the Model A tour of Michigan. Bruce Bailey is making arrangements for this group. Group #3 will trailer up on Friday the 5th. Jerry Baker is leading this group. There are also some interested in leaving the Model A at home and traveling with group #2 to visit the Henry Ford sites in Dearborn. If you're planning on being part of any of these groups make sure your group leader knows, in order to keep you informed of any changes that may occur in the plans. The group leaders are passing information on to Todd and Michelle Brown the leaders of the Michigan tour. If you have questions about the tour contact the Browns.

Group #1 ....John Yates, 859-548-4016

Group #2.....Bruce Bailey, 606-669-0428

Group #3.....Jerry Baker, 859-227-0695

Todd & Michelle Brown, 989-723-6921



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