

October 2016 A Frame
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Model A Ford Club of America**

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COMING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, October 26th. Meet us at Randazzo's at 6:30 pm for dinner. Meeting at 7:15.

Note: 2017 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE - \$20 for N. O. A's, \$60 for A's + MAFCA. Pay at the October meeting or send a check to me at 3808 Richland Ave., Metairie 70002-3018, payable to New Orleans A's.

Future Outings:

Car Clinics: Angelo is usually hard at work in his garage off Oak Street on Sunday (and other) mornings. I think that we should plan more car clinics so that we can help everyone to learn about their car and keep them running!

Christmas December ?: We again will meet at Austin's for our Christmas party, so get ready and save the date.

For Sale: 1930 Chassis with motor, transmission and wheels. Steven Willey: (504) 884-2004

SPEAKEASY PARTY*

Saturday, October 15 — at long last the day for the Speakeasy party had arrived. And the weather was good! The old fire station was all decorated with silver tablecloths, pompons, helium-filled balloons, flowers, and, of yes, lots of great food and drinks just waiting for the members and friends to arrive. The “New Orleans Banjos + 2” played almost continuously for three hours and gave us some great old songs. Some of us danced, some sang along and everyone seemed to be happy and enjoying a great afternoon.

The parking space by the firehouse was packed with Model A's. Some cars had to be parked on the street for lack of space. Angelo's truck garnered most attention of all the cars. There was a judging of the cars with Dick Schutte, Geoff Goodbee and John Maiorana being the appointed judges. They had a tough time and settled on Angelo's new unrestored truck. Congratulations to Angelo!

Attending were Carl & Dianne Hunter, their daughter Kristine Froebe, Gary & Leslie Martinez, Calvin Ohlssen, owner of the firehouse, Marie & Anthony Nicolich, Ken Falanga and his mother Pearl, Geoffrey Goodbee, John Maiorana, Linda & Nick Maniscalco, Ann & Richard Schutte, Bill Pfaff, Angelo Ricca, Adele Foles, Toni & Ray Schaub, Joelle & Bob Sappington, Lisa & John Troendle, Nan & Mickey King, Dr. Adrian Cairns & daughter-in-law Dianne Cairns (from Signal Mountain, TN). Everyone was dressed in period clothes, some pinstripes, flapper outfits, dark suits with Tommy gun, tuxes, etc.

Our thanks to Dianne and her daughter Kristine who worked to assemble (and buy) all the decorations, food, refreshments, and organize everything hire the band to play for us! It takes a lot of planning and organization to do such an outstanding job and we all thank them for their hard work to make the Speakeasy Party a success.

*(Speakeasy: a saloon or nightclub selling alcoholic beverages illegally, especially during Prohibition.)



Decorations; Ann Schutte & Linda Maniscalco; Dianne & Carl Hunter.

Model A Facts

Cooling System:

Angelo was working cleaning his radiator on Monday. Here is some info on the cooling system carefully copied from the "*Model A Times*" magazine. Well, I needed a "filler"!

The engine is cooled by a circulation of water through the water jackets which surround the cylinders, combustion chamber and valve seats. The water is circulated by thermo-syphon action, as was the Model T, the flow of water being accelerated by means of a centrifugal water pump* located in the front of the cylinder head. This pump draws the heated water from the engine into the upper radiator tank where it is cooled by filtering through the radiator tubes into the lower tank. The radiator is cooled by means of the fan located just back of the radiator where it draws a current of air around the radiator tubes.

The radiator has a large cooling surface. The three rows of tubes run down between the fins in oblique position. This assures that each tube receives a full blast of incoming cool air. Tubes and fins are joined with solder and heat from the tube is rapidly dissipated by radiation from the fins. To prevent overheating keep the radiator well filled. The capacity of the cooling system is three gallons.

Don't forget to add some antifreeze before the cold weather comes to NO. And check your hoses too!

*(Many years ago I ordered a rebuilt leafless water pump which had worked well for 20 or more years.)

Sad News:

Vincent Culotta died of a heart attack at his home in St. Rose on October 7, 2016. The funeral was held the following Friday. Many club members were present for the funeral mass and reception at his home. Ray & Toni drove the limo and gave rides to Vincent's grandchildren. There were about five Model A's there. Vincent and Carmen were members of the club for many years. We have had lots of fun times at their home eating and swimming and talking about cars. Vincent restored some twenty to thirty cars, many for NOAs members. He is missed. Vincent's brother Frank is still helping us repair and restore our cars!



Vincent circa 2010