

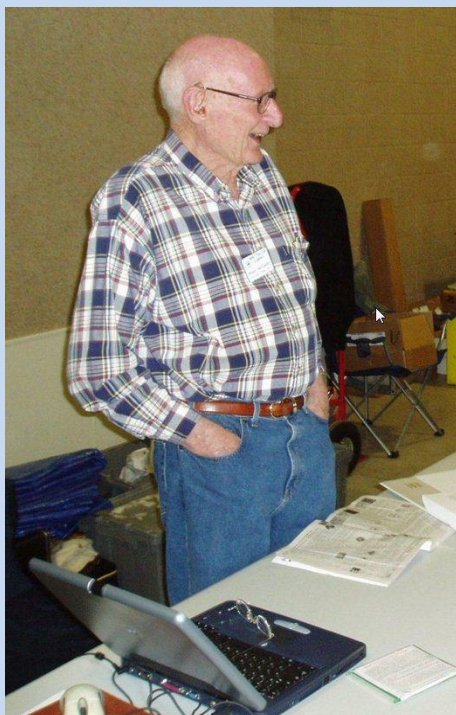
## 1903-1909 EARLY FORD REGISTRY



### Member Announcements

February 16, 2012

Bruce W. McCalley passed away early this morning



“Bruce was one of the six founders of the **Model T Club of America**. He was the editor of the club’s publication, *The Vintage Ford*, from its inception in 1966 until 1991.”

“Bruce, in collaboration with another of the club’s founders, Ray Miller, wrote the first definitive study of the Model T Ford, the book *From Here to Obscurity*, which was first published in 1971.”

Bruce’s *Model T Ford – The Car That Changed The World* was published in 1994 and quickly became the Model T Reference Bible for all in the hobby.

It was in Great Bend Kansas, on my first National Tour where I met Bruce. I had just arrived and many guys were standing around the parked cars at the motel. As I quietly watched over their conversations, I noticed two fellows, more animated than the rest. They were having a lively discussion about some specifics of the Model T that they were standing beside. I was enthralled with the conversation. It was mostly polite but it was obvious the two men didn’t agree on something. I soon found out the men were **Bruce McCalley** and **Ted Aschman**.

For some reason, they took me under their wing and nurtured me like their own child. I think there have been thousands of fellows, new in the hobby, that they helped like me. It wasn’t a one way street though. In just a couple of years, Bruce convinced me, it would be a good idea to run for the MTFCA Board of Directors. It took some time to get elected but the friendship I enjoyed with Bruce was invaluable in learning about Model T’s and Life.

Bruce was an honorary lifetime member of *The 1903-1909 Early Ford Registry, Inc.* He was always helpful, answering questions and trying out ideas.

### More Important Dates

**March 15-16, 2012** – Pre-War Swap Meet at Chickasha, Oklahoma. Setup Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. This swap meet always starts the third Thursday in March. We will have a Meet & Greet on Thursday afternoon, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Be sure to check signs posted around the grounds for exact location as we cannot be guaranteed a specific location until we get there. *We will have plenty of refreshments and treats.*

**July 20-22, 2012** – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Root River Antique Engine and Tractor Show in Spring Valley, MN. 15 miles South of Rochester, MN on Highway 63. Complete information [www.rootrivershow.org](http://www.rootrivershow.org) or email Roger Byrne at [byrne1@hmtel.com](mailto:byrne1@hmtel.com)

**August 8-11, 2012** – *The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual New London New Brighton Antique Car Run* in Minnesota. Warm-up tours on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The 120 mile Grand Run will occur on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Entries are limited to vehicles with any number of cylinders built through 1908 and one and two cylinder vehicles built thru 1915. We will a get together some afternoon after touring – be sure to check posted information. [www.anticuecarrun.org](http://www.anticuecarrun.org)

Three legends of the Model T Ford: **Henry Ford, Murray Fahnestock, and Bruce McCalley.**

**God Bless you Bruce**, we will all miss you.

Dave Dunlavy  
Newsletter & Webpage Editor

**September 6-7, 2012 – Dearborn, MI – Lansing to Dearborn Run, 2 days.** 200 mile run for any pre-1909 vehicles and any 1&2 cylinder car, steam car, electric car, cycle car and motorcycle built up to 1915. Co sponsored by The Snapper's Brass and Gas Touring Region of the AACA and the South Michigan Motorists Chapter of the HCCA. Contact John and Dorothy Grace, 734.467.7802 or [jhgrace@peoplepc.com](mailto:jhgrace@peoplepc.com)

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