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Dedicated to the encouragement in acquiring, restoring, preserving and exhibiting the Model "A" Ford, and to enjoy the fellowship of other Model "A" Ford owners around the world.

The Spokesman is a publication of the Highland Indiana Region of the Model "A" Restorer's Club, Inc., founded in 1964, and is published monthly.

2023 National dues are \$50.00.
Local HIR dues are \$20.00.
National Membership is required.

Business meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Hall 9191 Mississippi Street Merrillville, Indiana.

You need not own a Model A to become a member.

A Message from the Director

With November not far away that means winter is coming. That being said we have been having some beautiful weather. Last Saturday our drive out to the Monon Museum and Whistle Stop was an example. Almost made 80° that day. Thank you to Ken and Jeanette Foley for the great drive out and museum tour.

At our November 2 meeting the By-Laws Committee will pass out a copy of the new By-Laws. The club members are to review them and come to the December meeting to vote on the changes. The program will be the second half of the House of David film presented by Cy Sefton, II.



Details of November 5 parade in Hammond will be announced.

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old hag. When a man marries a woman they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one. A foolish husband says to his wife, Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbing. No wife of mine is gonna work. I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to

the top.

Hope to see you down the road in your A.

Warren DeJong

November Business Meeting



The next business meeting will be held at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Cy Sefton II will present the evening's program featuring the second half of a brief documentary on the Israelite House of David in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Thanks to the Kuipers, DeJongs and Wrights for volunteering to provide the evening's refreshments.

Valparaiso Fall Festival

By: Peter Hastings

The Fall Festival in Valparaiso was the focus of a drive out on September 24. The weather was fantastic. Members in A's were DeJong, Dieck, Floyd (new member), Foley, Hastings, Higgins, Kolar, Magerl, Myers, Pearson, Rock, Rosinko, Schopp, Southern, Sund and Wright. Attending in modern vehicles were Hansen and VanDerAa and new member Susan. (Fall Festival, continued on pg. 5.)



Business Meeting from October 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Director Warren DeJong at 7:01 pm at St. Sava in Merrillville. Assistant Director Tom Rock led the membership in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kim Sefton reported the checking account balance, and discussed recent deposits and expenditures. After discussion the treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

MINUTES: Cindy Fort presented the September 7 minutes as printed in the October issue of the *Spokesman*. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Judy Gill reported that Norma Knopf was diagnosed with breast cancer. Craig Hansen reported that Paul Bailie has Covid. Jim McNabney reported that Margaret is doing rehab and it is going well. Jon Pearson reported that Mary fell and broke her wrist. Joy Kolar reported that Jennifer Kralik had another eye surgery and is now doing well. Jim McNabney reported that he has ear cancer and is having surgery to remove.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported membership at 56.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS: Tom Rock read a thank you letter from the Southlake County Agricultural Historical Society for participating in the festival and invited back for 2023.

Tom Rock announced that he brought the MAFFI newsletter for anyone to view.

Chuck Kolar announced the Hammond Veteran's Appreciation Parade for Saturday, November 5.

Warren DeJong reported that the By-Laws Committee would be meeting with the Board of Directors on October 12 to finalize changes.

Joy Kolar spoke on behalf of the Donation Committee, who met and presented the following expenditures for membership approval:

Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund	\$ 500.00
Model A Ford Youth Restoration Fund	500.00
Bus Project	500.00
Stipend for Winter Banquet	1,000.00
Fund to develop and print tri-fold HIR Club pamphlets	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

After discussion a motion was made and approved to approve the expenditures. The committee will meet again to consider future expenditures.

Roger Gill and Glenn VanDerAa reported on a successful GAMARAI.

Tom Rock reported on Gilmore, and that 33 members attended.

Peter Hastings wrote an article about Sunset Farms Fall Festival that was emailed to the membership.

Ken Foley gave a report on the Newport Hill Climb.

Ken Foley announced an October 22 drive out to the Monon Connection Museum and Whistle Stop Restaurant.

Jerry Sund reminded members about the Fall Tour and that 10 cars with 17 members are signed up.

Wally Hagberg announced the Old Fashion Farm Days at Buckley Homestead on October 8 for those not attending the Fall Tour.

Tom Rock announced a change of date for the annual Winter Banquet to January 21.

Chuck and Joy Kolar announced that they have retired from hosting the annual New Year's Eve Polar Bear Dash. Volunteers should contact a director.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Foleys, Mike Higgins and the DeJongs. Jim McNabney and Cindy Fort won the monthly raffle.

PROGRAM: The program was presented by Cy Sefton, II, which featured a brief documentary on the Israelite House of David in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Part II will be presented at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary



Treasurer's Report			
By Kim Sefton			
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Raffle	\$ 50.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00

Monon Connection Museum Drive Out

By: Ken Foley

Indian Summer! Beautiful weather! Fall colors on the trees! Enjoyable Model A roads! What more could a Highland MARC member want on a wonderful October Saturday? Why, a drive out, of course!

Ken and Jeannette Foley led a caravan of Model A's on a 56-mile jaunt to the Monon Connection Museum on Saturday the 22nd. After arriving at the destination, twenty-three members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Whistle Stop restaurant, located in the museum building.



Many took pictures in the Flagler coach, this one in the dining room

We entered the museum through the original ticketing booth from the Dyer Monon depot. Tour guide Harold talked us through a collection of dining car dinnerware, several switchman lanterns (no two alike), railroad watches and locks, and many more interesting artifacts (made even more interesting by Harold's banter) before moving to a room with a huge HO gauge train layout.

Shifting to the main portion of the museum, Harold shared stories about the Abraham Lincoln funeral train, which came through the town of Monon on its way to Springfield, and the origin of the Monon name and logo, among several other tales.



View of the Monon Museum HO train layout

Walking through oil and railroad baron Henry Flagler's private coach, we marveled at the intricate wood carvings and panels, Tiffany windows, chandeliers, and furnishings within the different rooms of the coach. The Flagler coach was one of the most notable of the exhibits, along with the model train layout and an authentic mid-1800's era Illinois Central depot.

Everyone seemed to have a nice time. One possible topic for the November meeting Tech Time did happen on the way home – Art LeMere's red pickup truck suffered a broken differential along US 114 west of Rensselaer. Roger Gill retrieved his trailer and hauled the broken A back home – another project to keep Art and Jerry busy in the near future.





November

- 11 Howard DeYoung
- 13 Russell Smiddy
- 26 Laura Hastings



November

- 16 Eugene & Billie Gillingham
- 24 John & Cheryl Sailor
- 27 Howard & Connie DeYoung
Dave & Becky Wright



FELLOWSHIP

- Norma Knopf
- Mary Pearson
- Paul Bailie & Claudia Bailie
- Margaret & Jim McNabney
- Jennifer Kralik

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HIR Club Dues ~ \$20.00 (cash preferred)

National Dues \$50.00
Model 'A' Restorers Club

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EDITOR'S CORNER

A huge thank you this month to Peter Hastings, Jerry Sund and Ken Foley on the write-ups, and to Irma Sund and Cindy Fort for the photos.

Please note the date of the Winter Banquet, January 21. Details provided as they become available.

On a personal note, thank you HIR Veterans (and we have several!). And a very happy 92nd to my favorite Veteran, Russell Smiddy!

Roads were made for journeys, not destinations...

Caroline Stanula & Russell Smiddy
(708-951-0209, cstanula@gmail.com)



MONTHLY BREAKFAST

November 16 - 9:00 am

North Street Diner
(650 E. North Street, Crown Point, 3rd Wednesdays monthly)



SANDHILL CRANE OBSERVATION DRIVE OUT

November 19

Hosted by Tom & Pam Rock

Details and sign up sheet at November meeting. This drive out will travel to Jasper Pulaski Fish and Wildlife area to view the Sandhill Cranes. Departs from parking lot across from Crown Point Post Office at 9:00 am.



Fall Tour 2022

By: Jerry Sund

We had ten Model A's on the fall tour to Rockville, Indiana this year. This included Warren and Susan DeJong, Mike Higgins and Cindy Fort, Chuck and Joy Kolar, Tom and Pam Rock, Jerry and Irma Sund, and Glenn and Karen VanDerAa, all of whom were staying at the Parke Bridge Motel, and Ed and Linda Javorka, Paul Myers, Jon Pearson,



and Herb Southern staying at the Covered Bridge Motel. The fall weather was cold in the morning and evening but not bad during the day. The fall colors were just starting to come out and were beautiful!

We stopped at the Ernie Pyle WWII Museum in Dana, Indiana, before having lunch at the Beer Cooler Pub and Grub in nearby Hillsdale, Indiana. Then we drove on to Rockville, Indiana, the center of the Covered Bridges five routes. We were told that the Mecca Tavern was a great place to eat so we went there Friday evening. Half of the group liked the food and the other half didn't.

We drove through several covered bridges on the red route Saturday morning and spent some time in Bridgeton and Rosedale before returning to Rockville for some antiquing and/or wine tasting. We ate at the Thirty-Six Saloon that evening.

We had several roadside seminars during the tour, some of which were recurring. One car didn't want to start when we went to Mecca for dinner. Another had a dead battery Saturday morning. Most occurred on the way home.

We headed home Sunday morning along some back (bumpy) roads until they became good roads with gorgeous scenery. The breakdowns continued until we finally found the real problems after lunch. After that, we all made it home safe and sound.



Fall Festival (continued from pg. 1)

We assembled at Sunset Hill Farm mid-morning, and everyone ordered a sub for later from Jimmy John's through Laura Hastings. At noontime, we departed the Festival grounds. There was a long line of us making our way on the grass past many of the exhibit and folks at the Festival.

Our cars drove about 12 miles through narrow winding county roads to Hastings house outside Valparaiso. The subs we ordered were waiting for us there.

After lunch, we headed back to the Festival, mostly over different roads. We paused a couple of times so that our group could keep together. We waited at railroad crossings for 3 trains to pass. When we arrived back at the Festival, we were the last vehicles in the "Tractor Parade". We were announced to the crowd by Body Style (the car, not the driver), Owner, and Town.

We all parked back in our special area and visited with each other and answered questions about our cars. A live band played nearby. We shopped at the craft vendors and flea market and watched a variety of steam - and gas powered equipment in operation. Corn harvesting was in progress: logs were being sawn into lumber, wheat was being threshed, iron fire-pokers and hooks were being forged.

The Highland Club has been an exhibit at the Harvest Festival for many years. 2022 was the second year for members to incorporate a lunchtime drive out.

2022 Master Calendar

- 2 - Business Meeting (Sund)
- 16 - Monthly Breakfast

Myers, Kuiper, McNabney

FEBRUARY 2022						
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- 3 - Business Meeting (Javorka)
- 13 - Friendly Ford Swap Meet, Roselle
- 13 - Grinder Baseball Game
- 17 - Monthly Breakfast
- 17-20 2022 MARC National Tour, Bark River, Michigan

- 2 - Business Meeting (Swan Lake)
- 16 - Monthly Breakfast
- 17 - Crown Point St. Patrick's Day Lighted Parade
- 26 - Safety Inspection (Hagberg)
- 30 - Swan Lake Meet set up
- 31 - April 3 Swan Lake Meet

Rock, Guernsey, McNabney

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- 5 - Malden Labor Day Parade
- 7 - Business Meeting (Parts Auction)
- 9-10 - Old Car Festival, Dearborn
- 10 - Warsaw Dillinger Raid (Javorka)
- 16-17 - Model A Day, Gilmore
- 19-23 - GAMARI
- 21 - Monthly Breakfast
- 24 - Valpo Fall Festival Steam Show
- 25 - Joliet Quad Meet

Dieck, Sefton, Sefton

- 1 - 3 Swan Lake Meet
- 6 - Business Meeting (Jeopardy!)
- 16 - Drive-Out (DeJong)
- 20 - Monthly Breakfast

Hansen, Gill, VanDerAa

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- 1-2 - Newport Hill Climb
- 7-9 - Fall Tour, Rockville, Indiana
- 5 - Business Meeting (Sefton)
- 19 - Monthly Breakfast
- 22 - Drive-Out (Foley)

Foley, Kolar, DeJong

- 4 - Business Meeting - Annual Cake & Cookie Auction
- 7 - Route 66 Red Carpet Ride
- 13 - Lake Central High School Auto Shop Car Display
- 14 - Pullman Drive-Out (Dieck)
- 18 - Monthly Breakfast
- 28 - Cobe Cup (confirmed)
- 30 - South Holland Parade (confirmed)

Sund, Schopp, Magerl

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- 2 - Business Meeting
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 16 - Monthly Breakfast
- 19 - Drive-Out (Rock)

Kuiper, Hansen, Wright

- 1 - Business Meeting (Jeopardy!)
- 5 - Model A Day (Sharon, Wis.) National Meet (Morganstown)
- 15 - Monthly Breakfast
- 18 - Drive-Out (Kuiper)
- 25 - Drive-Out (VanDerAa)
- 29 - Bethel Car Show/Taco Night

Sefton, LaPlante, DeJong

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- 3 - Hammond Parade
- 7 - Business Meeting/Pizza Party
- 21 - Monthly Breakfast
- 31 - Polar Bear Dash

Rock, Dieck, Hastings

- 2 - Schaaf Drive Out
- 4 - Whiting July 4 Parade
- 6 - Business Meeting (Dieck)
- 9 - Club Picnic (LC Fairgrounds)
- 20 - Monthly Breakfast
- 29 - Pierogi Fest Parade, Whiting

Higgins, Hagberg, LeMere

JULY 2022						
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THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR BREAKFAST



620 E. North Street • Crown Point Square • 9:00

In Other News

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

As you will have read in the *MARC Model A News* and the *MAFCA Restorer* magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

'The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

'Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article from a magazine called *Ford Dealer and Service Seal*. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. (Page 40) showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

For information visit [www.maffi.org/Model A Days/Schedule of Events](http://www.maffi.org/Model_A_Days/Schedule_of_Events).

Thank you,

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI
clubcontact@maffi.org



A proud Craig Hansen on his new tractor at the Valparaiso Festival Steam Show.



NEW FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Coupe. Restored in 2007. New roof repainted black with green pinstriping, 1932 Model B engine, 6 volt alternator, 1 year old 6 volt battery. \$12,000. Contact Rich Pramuk @ 219-669-3975.

FOR SALE: 1929 Roadster. Rebuilt carburetor and distributor, 21" white wall tires, good radiator and brakes. Leather interior and rumble seat are like new. Top is in great condition and includes side curtains. Older restoration, has some paint chips but is still a nice looking car. This will make a great driver. \$13,500. Contact Art LeMere @ 708-878-6620

MODEL A PARTS: Six 16" wheels, ten 19" wheels, 2 rear axles, 1 front wishbone, 2 rear fenders-one used steel and one fiberglass appears unused (maybe for a 30/31). Tudor seat spring. Chuck Kolar @ 219-662-0056.

FOR SALE: 1931 Pick up. \$14,500. Paul Bailie @ 708-420-2150.

FOR SALE: 1930 Tudor (the late Steve Mihailovich's car). \$15,000. Margaret (Seve's sister) @ 219-306-6072.

MODEL A PARTS: Art's 'A' Parts, antique car parts. LED tail lights, LED third brake/directional lights, halogen head-line bulbs and other 'A' parts. Art LeMere @ 708-878-6620 or artlemere12@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: HIR window decals. Cy Sefton @ 219-836-2081.

Model A's for sale? Contact Chuck Kolar @ 219-662-0056.



**About the Highland Indiana Region
Model A Restorers Club**

The purpose of the Club shall be to encourage the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition, and use of the Model A, including literature, technical and historical information, and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among owners and members of the Club.

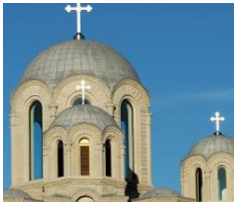
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



2022 Committee Chairpersons

- BY-LAWS: Chuck Kolar, Wally Hagberg, Dave Wright
- DONATIONS: Joy Kolar, Kim Sefton, Ron Kuiper, Jerry Sund, Craig Hansen
- EVENTS/PARADES: Chuck Kolar
- FALL TOUR: Jerry Sund
- FASHION: Linda Javorka, Joy Kolar & Tom Rock
- FELLOWSHIP: Susan DeJong
- MARC CORRESPONDENT: Joy Kolar
- MARC MILEAGE: Warren DeJong
- MEMBERSHIP: Kim Sefton
- NEWSLETTER: Caroline Stanula & Russell Smiddy
- NOMINATING: Warren DeJong, Tom Rock, Cy Sefton, and Craig Hansen.
- PICNIC: Ken Foley, Mike Higgins & Cy Sefton
- PRINTING: Chuck Kolar
- RAFFLE: Craig Hansen
- REFRESHMENTS: Laura Hastings & Irma Sund
- WEBMASTER: Chuck Kolar (chkolar@sbcglobal.net)
- WINTER BANQUET: Tom & Pam Rock

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National Events

2023 Membership Meet

April 14 - 16

Bay City, Michigan

Hosted by: Script A Region



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2023 National Meet

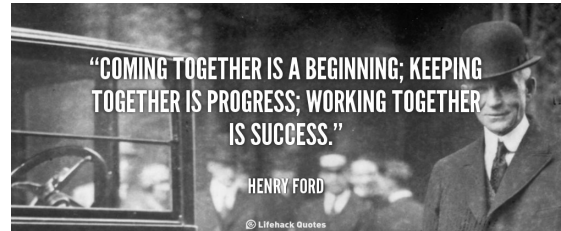
July 30 - August 4

Hamilton, Ohio

Hosted by: Hamilton A's



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MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

Application for Membership

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2023 Membership Dues: \$50.00

With your subscription you will receive a club membership I.D. card and the *Model "A" News*, the bi-monthly official publication of the M.A.R.C.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Permission to list phone number/email in club/MARC roster (yes/no)? _____

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