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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

Greetings from California, Susan and I are here for a week. The temperature's a little better here than home. 55° this morning to 65° this afternoon.

The Veterans Day parade was attended by only a few cars. The weather was "iffy", but the rain held off and the parade went on. One special Veteran along the parade route was Russell Smiddy.

We have one more parade, the Hammond Holiday Parade on December 3. At our Business Meeting on December 7 we will elect new officers and discuss the bylaws. We'll keep the meeting short as pizza will be there. Bring your own drinks.



Quotes: Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.

I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Money talks...but all mine ever says is goodbye.

Keep those 'A's a humming.

Warren DeJong

Christmas Party Business Meeting!

December 7 ~ 7:00 pm

Pizza provided ~ Bring Your Own Beverage

If you would like to participate in a grab bag gift exchange, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift (please, nothing gender specific. Suggestions: gift card, portable speaker, Model A Lapel Pin, flashlight, puzzle, book, Hickory Farms sausages/cheese sampler, wine, craft beer, As Seen On Tv products, etc.).

The HIR is collecting



New, unwrapped toys appreciated!



Business Meeting from November 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Director Warren DeJong at 7:02 pm at St. Sava in Merrillville. Assistant Director Tom Rock led the membership in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Warren DeJong introduced new member Vince Zehme, owner of a '31 pick up truck.

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 October 5 minutes as printed in the November issue of the *Spokesman*. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: It was reported that Claudia Bailie fell, having broken her leg.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported membership at 56; 40 members were in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS: Chuck Kolar distributed a copy of the revised by-laws, asking members to review for approval at the December meeting.

Jon Pearson brought flags for the Veteran's Day Parade in Hammond.

Ken Foley thanked everyone for a great drive-out to the Monon Connection Museum, his first as a host.

Joy Kolar reported on behalf of the Donation Committee that Kim Sefton will be sending donation to the Youth Scholarship and Youth Restoration funds. She stated that John Marshall will be at the December meeting to accept the donation for the bus project.

Pam Rock announced details of the Winter Banquet on January 21, and will cost \$35/person.

Chuck Kolar announced the details of the Hammond Veteran's Appreciation Day Parade on Saturday, November 5.

Chuck Kolar announced "On Tour" banners, for sale at \$10 each. Please see him if interested.

Chuck Kolar announced the details of the Cedar Lake Jean Eberle Holiday Parade on December 3.

Tom Rock announced the details of his and Pam's November 19 drive-out to see the sandhill cranes at Jasper Pulaski State Park.

Cindy Fort announced the details of the Polar Bear Dash on New Year's Eve at Andorra Banquet Center in Schererville. Sign up at the December meeting.

TECH TIME included Art LeMere who reported that the rearend locked up then freed itself due to bad bearings. Chuck Kolar reported that he needed to replace speedometer in 1931 Fordor. Glenn VanDerAa thanked those on fall tour for help with many breakdowns. Dave Wright reported that choke rod on Randy Chavez's car was the reason why the car would not stay running.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Kuipers, Wrights and by the Vandewaters in honor of Russell Smiddy's 92nd birthday. Terry Dieck and Karen VanDerAa won the won the monthly raffle.

PROGRAM: The program presented by Cy Sefton, II, featured the second half of a documentary on the Israelite House of David in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Final comments include details of the December business meeting including pizza, Toys for Tots and a gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned 8:57 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary

Treasurer's Report					
By Kim Sefton					
INCOME:	2	3	4	EXPENSES:	7 8 9
Dues		\$ 420.00		St. Sava	\$ 50.00
				Go Daddy/Printing	50.90
Raffle		66.00		Youth Restoration	500.00
				Youth Scholarship	500.00
				Bus Project	<u>500.00</u>
		<u>\$ 486.00</u>			<u>\$1,690.00</u>



In Other News

HAMMOND VETERAN APPRECIATION DAY PARADE

Four and a half cars attended the Hammond Veterans Appreciation Day Parade on Saturday, November 5. Those in attendance included Jon Pearson, Wally Haggberg, Warren DeJong, and Mike Higgins with Craig Hansen. The Stanulas made it to within a block of the parade line-up but stalled for the second time and could not get it started before the parade kicked off. (They first stalled in Dyer backfiring was so loud that the Dyer police received reports of shots fired.)



Despite chilly wind gusts of up to 60 mph, several proud Veterans smiled and waved flags as the cars rode by. Russell Smiddy, spectator extraordinaire was greeted by parade passers by, many of whom posed for a photo including Indiana Representative Frank Mrvan (who also personally called Smiddy on his 92nd birthday), and his wife Jane. It was a nice turn out, despite the elements.

After the parade, Higgins, DeJong with Art LeMere on the phone returned to the Stanulas stalled vehicle. LeMere provided mechanical suggestions and before long, and thanks to DeJong who had the parts handy, they were able to get it started, and headed home.



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

The seasons are changing. Our friends living in Hickory Corners have settled in on their winter hours. While a good portion of the country is still wondering why anybody would ever want a snow blower, these people are wearing them out trying to clear paths around the Gilmore Campus for the hearty crowd braving the ice and snow to visit the museum. There are those who have packed their Model A's away for the winter, those who barely see a change in the seasons, and those in between who continue driving our A's, but cuss them because there is no heat, or the heat is dispensed on the wrong side of the vehicle. It is the holiday season.

Let's not forget this is also a giving season. The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc draws revenue from several sources throughout the year. A popular source of this revenue is their memorial brick sales. This is a chance to preserve the memory of your club or one of its former members (current members for that matter) by having a brick cast in their memory in front of the Model A Ford Museum.

To help MAFFI grow, we are offering clubs a free brick for their help in signing up three new MAFFI Members. Three member applications, with their checks for \$25.00 each, and your FREE brick order should be sent in one envelope to:

MAFFI
PO Box 28
Peotone, IL 60468-0028

The brick engraving detail is captured in the donation form. These forms are attached for your convenience.

Thank you,
Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI
clubcontact@maffi.org



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.

REDUCED!!! FOR SALE: 1930 Tudor (the late Steve Mihailovich's car). Was \$15,000, reduced to \$12,000. 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 headline 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.

December Birthdays



December

- 3 Ed Mager
- 9 Ann Pramuk
Tom Rock
- 12 Michael McIntire
- 13 Ken Foley
- 14 Connie DeYoung
- 18 Paul Bailie
Sharon Meyers
- 20 Barb Hagberg
- 22 Cynthia Phillips
- 27 Dave Wright



December

- 10 Roger & Judy Gill
- 20 Dave & Jennifer Kralik
- 21 Jim & Margaret
McNabney
- 26 Ron & Sharon Meyers



FELLOWSHIP

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

EDITOR'S CORNER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from our family to yours



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

Looking 'A'head

Holiday Parade

HOLIDAY PARADE - Hammond
Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.
Parade begins at Gavit High School and
ends at 169th Street. No Santa's allowed.

When We Meet, We Eat.



Monthly Breakfast

December 21 - 9:00 am

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



HIR Club Dues

\$20.00

(due 12/31/2022)



Please bring your payment (cash appreciated)
to the December Business Meeting

National Dues \$50.00, mail to
Model 'A' Restorers Club
6721 Merriman, Garden City, MI 48135



New Year's Eve Polar Bear Dash

Friday, December 31
9:00 am

Andorra Banquet Hall
\$15.95/person
1112 US Hwy 41, Schererville
Hosted by Cindy Fort & Mike Higgins



Annual Calendar Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

Highland Model A Club Annual Winter Banquet

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Hosted by Tom & Pam Rock

Old Criminal Court, Crown Point
\$35/person

Interesting Tidbits

SANDHILL CRANE DRIVE-OUT

By: Tom Rock

Saturday, November 19, was the day of our drive-out to see the Sandhill Crane Migration. It was 22 degrees when we rolled down the driveway! Our Otwell Manifold Heater made the inside of our "A" nice and cozy! Pam and I met part of our hearty group in Crown Point and picked up the second half of our caravan at Dieck's residence outside of Hebron. Driving instructions were handed out along with Sandhill Crane information and a State Park brochure from Jasper Pulaski. This was a very typical Tom and Pam Rock drive-out. The drive started out with sunshine and broken cloud cover, proceeded to wind, clouds, rain, and SNOW as the day wore on!

Upon arrival at Jasper Pulaski State Wildlife Preserve we registered and took a much needed restroom break. From there it was short hop to the viewing tower to view the cranes... and wouldn't you know it?! ... they were there! Because it was midday there were not as many, but nonetheless they were there on the ground and in flight coming and going. They are coming over our house daily now.

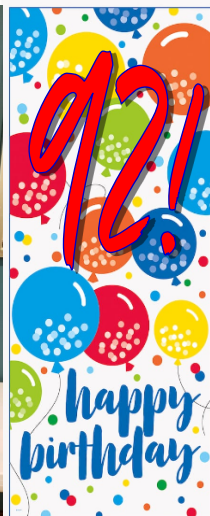
We left the refuge after a brief twenty minutes or so due to wind and cold. We proceeded on Model A roads that many of us, believe it or not, had never been on. My thanks to my navigator, Pam. Pam finds the best roads ever for our travels in the Model A! The destination was the Woodshed Tap on Bass Lake. A great lunch was had by all and was worth the wait. It is about the camaraderie and fellowship, along with driving our fabulous automobiles! Well, almost all of us had a great meal... yep, I was sick and did make it home just in time for the FLU bug to hit full on! We had also one lost Model A that broke down along the way to lunch. It had to be left and eventually towed home.

We had seven A's in total and three modern irons this trip. The attendees were: the Kolars, Diecks, Higgins, Seftons, Sunds, Javorkas, Jon Pearson, John Schopp, Paul Myers, Tom Wojtan, and Pam and I.

Thanks to "A"ll who attended.



Russell Smiddy, Proud US Navy Veteran



How many miles did you put on your 'A' this year? It's that time of year again to get your mileage in to Warren DeJong. There are four more group opportunities to put some miles on those A's - the December business meeting, the Hammond Holiday Parade, Monthly Breakfast, and the Polar Bear Dash! Please submit your mileage no later than January 2 at swdejong@yahoo.com

**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.

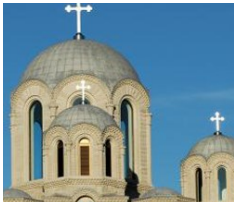
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



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
- MAFFI LIAISON: Mike Higgins
- 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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Special thanks to
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church/Hall
for hosting the HIR Business Meetings

Mission... to, through appropriate teaching, edify the believers towards spiritual and moral perfection, to foster mutual brother love and unity, and - to mold worthy and loyal citizens of these United States of America.



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Model A Restorer's Club**
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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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2023 MAFCA National Tour

July 16 - 21

Auburn, Indiana

Hosted by: Southeastern Touring Group



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MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

Application for Membership

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

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.

Name (print): _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Check Visa MasterCard Discover American Express
(circle one)

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CCV (3-Digit Code) _____
(mm/yy) (back of card)

