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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.

Director's Message

The Holiday Season is almost over and I hope everyone enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We have one more event before the year ends, our annual Polar Bear Dash. Cindy Fort & Mike Higgins will be hosting this year, Saturday, December 31st, at 9:00 AM. It will be held at the Andorra Banquet Hall in Schererville. If the weather permits, drive your Model A there.

As we look forward to the new year, come to the January 4th meeting, our annual planning meeting, with ideas for drive-outs, tours, programs and tech talks. The more volunteers we have to run events, the more fun we'll have in 2023.

Don't forget to put the Winter Banquet on your schedule for Saturday, January 21st. Tom and Pam Rock have it all set for us in the Hall of Justice in Crown Point.

If your Model A(s) is/are registered in the MARC Millage Program, get your 2022 mileage report to Warren DeJong as soon as you can.

If you haven't paid your club dues yet, do so now. Also don't forget to renew your MARC membership.

As we start the new year, I would like to thank Warren DeJong and Tom Rock for their years of service to the club. I hope I can do the job as well as they did.

Jerry Sund



**This Month's
Featured Photo:**

**Mike Higgins & Cindy Fort
Hammond Holiday Parade**





Business Meeting from December 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Director Warren DeJong at 7:03 pm at St. Sava in Merrillville. Assistant Director Tom Rock led the membership in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Warren DeJong introduced guest John Marshall, from MAFFI.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kim Sefton reported the corrected balance of expenses last month as printed in the December issue of *The Spokesman*, as \$1,600.90, and itemized recent deposits and expenditures. After discussion the treasurer's report was accepted as presented. She concluded with a reminder about 2023 local dues.

MINUTES: Cindy Fort presented the November 2 minutes as printed in the December issue of *The Spokesman*. A correction was made to the Polar Bear Dash on December 31 as Saturday, not Friday. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: The health of Susan Crabtree Timmons's daughter was discussed and prayed over by the club. It was reported that Mary Pearson and Jennifer Kralik are both doing well, and that Claudie Bailie recently had Covid.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported membership at 56; 41 members were in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS: Joy Kolar and Warren DeJong presented John Marshall of MAFFI, with a \$500 donation for the Gilmore bus project. Mr. Marshall thanked the club, and brought a MAFFI brochure/newsletter.

Tom Rock reported on the drive-out to the Kankakee Marsh to see the sandhill cranes, including the all-in-one-day, four-season weather, and the lunch that followed.

Chuck Kolar reported that approval of the amended by-laws was tabled, and that the committee would need to reconvene.

Cindy Fort announced details of the annual Polar Bear Dash breakfast scheduled for New Years Eve, Saturday, December 31, at Andorra Banquets in Schererville.

Pam Rock reminded members of the Winter Banquet on January 21, and that an email with details was sent on December 5.

Roger Gill reported that it was 28 years ago to the day that he and Judy suffered a significant fire, losing their cars. He reminded members to review and update Model A insurance.

Cy Sefton presented the slate of 2023 officers:

Director, Jerry Sund
Assistant Director, Mike Higgins
Treasurer, Kim Sefton
Secretary, Cindy Fort

After discussion, nominations were closed, accepted and approved by the membership.

Warren DeJong announced that MARC Mileage is due, and the cost is \$1 per car.

Chuck Kolar announced that he had made "On Tour" banners, available for \$10 each.

Laura Hastings announced a sign-up sheet for 2023 refreshments, seeking for volunteers.

TECH TIME included a conversation by Jon Pearson, who had suffered a bad alternator and battery, which were fixed after breaking down on the November sandhill cranes drive-out. Paul Myers spoke of a gas tank leak, caused by steering wheel rubber that rotted. Ron Kuiper is seeking 19" tires.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Rocks, Diecks and Hastings. Cindy Fort and Jon Pearson won the monthly raffle.

PROGRAM: The program included the annual Holiday Pizza Party and gift exchange. Thank you to all who participated in the 65 gifts brought for Toys for Tots.

Final comments included Holiday Greetings.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary



INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Dues	\$ 240.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Raffle	61.00	St. Sava Greeter (gift)	50.00
		Banquet	1,000.00
		Pizza & tip	295.00
	\$ 301.00		\$1,395.00
*paid membership = 34			



Let's Celebrate!



January

- 1 Herb Southern
- 4 Judy Gill
- 6 Alex Schreier
- 7 Joannie McCrimmon
- 19 Ron Meyers
- 22 Mark Gerrity
- 24 Mike Hawkins
- 25 Karen VanDerAa
- 30 Michael McIntire

January

31 Ken & Jeanette Foley



FELLOWSHIP

Leah, daughter of Susan Crabtree Timmons

Norma Knopf

Paul Bailie & Claudia Bailie

Margaret & Jim McNabney

EDITOR'S CORNER

According to the Chinese zodiac, 2023 is a year of the Rabbit, a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity. In fact, 2023 is predicted to be a year of **hope**. If that doesn't give you something to look forward to!

Thinking about hope, do you realize spring will be upon us in less than 79 days. And what better way to kick off spring than with a drive-out and wherever that takes us!

Remember, *When We Meet, We Eat!*

Road trips are not about anywhere you'll go, they're about going anywhere.

Caroline Stanula & Russell Smiddy
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Looking 'A'head

Annual MARC Mileage Program



\$1 per car

Submit by January 2 to Warren DeJong at swdejong@yahoo.com

Annual Calendar Planning Meeting



Wednesday, January 4

Please consider volunteering.

Refreshments provided by Irma Sund, Cindy Fort and Jacki Guernsey

HIR Club Dues **DUE**

\$20.00

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

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National Dues \$50.00, mail to Model 'A' Restorers Club

6721 Merriman, Garden City, MI 48135



Monthly Breakfast

January 18 - 9:00 am

North Street Diner

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



Highland Model A Club Annual Winter Banquet

Saturday, January 21

Hall of Justice, 220 S. Main Street, Crown Point
5:00 pm Social Time ~ 5:30 pm Dinner

Family Style including Chicken Marsala, Beef, Lasagna Rollups, Southern Style Green Beans, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Lemonade and Iced Tea

\$25/person, RSVP by January 5

Hosted by Tom & Pam Rock



In Other News

Hammond Holiday Parade

Those braving the cold at the Hammond Holiday Parade included Cindy Fort, Mike Higgins, Paul Myers and the Seftons (see Featured Photo, pg. 1, compliments of Cindy Fort).

And then there's this guy... The HIR's version of *Where's Waldo?* You never know where he'll pop up or when you'll spot him! Last month the Veterans Day Parade, this month the Hammond Holiday Parade! He may not be able to get behind the wheel of his **A**, but he definitely supports the HIR - whether **A** passenger or spect**A**tor, he is an **A**vid **A**nthusiast!



Russell Smiddy, with daughter Anna (or shall we call her 'Wenda', Waldo's companion who is mostly seen with her camera!).



Post-Holiday and parade-festive, and pretty enough to be a Christmas card.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rick & Connie Miller
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conniemiller0813@gmail.com
1929 Ford AA Truck
1929 For Coupe, street rod

Susan Crabtree Timmons
5678 Mulberry Avenue`
Portage, IN 46368
219.308.4327
susancrabtreetimmons@gmail.com
1929 Coupe

Vincent & Lisa Zehme
3419 Violet Lane
Dyer, IN 46311
708.889.5880
708.243.8393 (V cell)
708.638.2544 (L cell)
zehme@comcast.net



NEW! WANTED: 19" tires. Contact Ron Kuiper 219-306-7194.

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.

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.

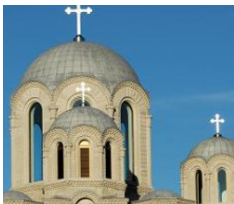
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



2023 Committee Chairpersons

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

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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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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

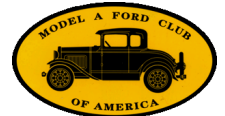
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2023 MAFCA National Tour

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)

