



# THE SPOKESMAN

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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

Parking was a little tight, thanks to three new restaurants on the block, but the rest of the Winter Banquet was great. We enjoyed the 20's and 30's music provided by Craig Hansen again this year, and the food was even better than last year. I noticed a few folks having a second piece of the cake from Costco, including me. It was really good! Our thanks to Pam Rock for putting this one together for us.

The February program will be "Getting to Know You", which means we will be going around the room having each member stand up and tell us about themselves and how they became HIR members. You can also tell us about your Model A and what you're doing with it.

I have been working on my spare rear axle assembly in hopes of getting it installed in my Model A in time for the MARC Membership Meet in Bay City, Michigan. April 14<sup>th</sup> is coming up fast and the rear axle isn't the only project I have for this winter. Hopefully we'll all get our Model A's ready for the 2023 driving season.

Thanks to the VanDerAas, Wrights and Hastings, for volunteering the evening's refreshments.

*Jerry Sund*



**This Month's  
Featured Photo:**

**Susan Crabtree, Russell  
Smiddy, and Susan's  
granddaughter, Zoe**





## Business Meeting & Other Tidbits from January 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Director Jerry Sund at 7:00 pm at St. Sava in Merrillville. Assistant Director Mike Higgins 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 December 9 minutes as printed in the January issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

**FELLOWSHIP REPORT:** Warren DeJong reported that Rich Pramuk had recently been hospitalized but is better. Also, Jim and Margaret McNabney are both reportedly doing well.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 34, and is still accepting dues.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:** Cindy Fort reported on the Polar Bear Dash held on NY Eve, December 31, with 45 members attending and seven receiving the "Polar Bear" ornament for driving their 'A's to the outing.

Jerry Sund presented a plaque to Warren DeJong, for his service as former Director.

Pam Rock provided details on the Winter Banquet on January 21 at the Halls of Justice announcing that room was still available, with payment.

Chuck Kolar reported that the North Street Café has new owners, and to watch for details on a possible change to the location for the HIR monthly breakfasts.

Chuck Kolar tabled discussion regarding amendments to the by-laws.

**NEW BUSINESS** included an announcement by Chuck Kolar at that the North Judson School's Henry Ford Day is back on for May 12 or May 19, to be determined.

Mike Higgins reported that he is working to resume Lake Central and Crown Point High Schools Auto Shop/Youth Days and Car Display.

Tom Rock reported that he is similarly working to visit his former school.

**TECH TIME:** Chuck Kolar 'old yellow' is back on it's wheels, but is not quite yet running.

**REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE:** Refreshments were provided by the Sunds and Mike Higgins. Volunteers

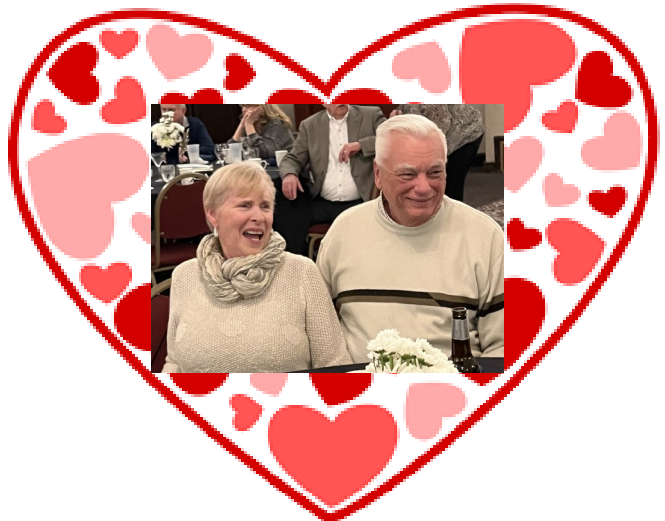
for next month were sought. Jeanette Foley and Gene Guernsey won the monthly raffle.

**PROGRAM:** The program included scheduling the 2023 HIR Calendar.

Meeting adjourned 8:39 pm.

*Cindy Fort, Secretary*

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>								
By Kim Sefton								
INCOME:			EXPENSES:					
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Dues		\$ 300.00		St. Sava			\$ 50.00	
Raffle			50.00	St. Pat's Parade			25.00	
				Address Books			177.00	
				Web Page			33.48	
			\$ 350.00				\$ 285.48	
*paid membership = 49								



**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](mailto:artlemere12@yahoo.com)

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

# 2023 Master Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023						
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1 - Business Meeting  
15 - Monthly Breakfast

VanDerAa, Wright, Hastings

AUGUST 2023						
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July 30-Aug 4 MARC National Meet  
9 - Business Meeting (Javorka)  
16 - Monthly Breakfast  
26 - Drive-Out (Sefton II)

MARCH 2023						
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1 - Business Meeting (Tom Rock)  
5 - Casablanca (Pam Rock)  
15 - Monthly Breakfast  
17 - Crown Point St. Patrick's Day Lighted Parade  
25 - Safety Inspection (Hagberg)

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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4 - Malden Labor Day Parade  
6 - Business Meeting (Parts Auction)  
8-9 - Old Car Festival, Dearborn  
14-16 - Model A Day, Gilmore  
20 - Monthly Breakfast  
23 - Valpo Fall Festival Steam Show

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5 - Business Meeting (Jeopardy!)  
14-15 - Bay City Membership Meet  
19 - Monthly Breakfast

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4 - Business Meeting (Kolar)  
6-8 - Fall Tour (Higgins)  
18 - Monthly Breakfast

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3 - Business Meeting (Dan Dieck)  
6 - Route 66 Red Carpet Ride  
17 - Monthly Breakfast  
27 - Cobe Cup (confirmed)  
29 - South Holland Parade

NOVEMBER 2023						
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1 - Business Meeting (Kolar)  
11 - Veterans Day Parade  
15 - Monthly Breakfast  
18 - Cedar Lake Light Parade

JUNE 2023						
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4 - Model A Day (Sharon, Wis.)  
7 - Business Meeting (Swap Meet)  
9-10 - Delphi Drive Out (Higgins)  
21 - Monthly Breakfast

DECEMBER 2023						
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2 - Hammond Holiday Parade  
6 - Business Meeting/Pizza Party  
20 - Monthly Breakfast  
31 - Polar Bear Dash

JULY 2023						
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4 - Whiting July 4 Parade  
5 - Business Meeting  
16-21 MAFCA National Tour  
19 - Monthly Breakfast  
28 - Pierogi Fest Parade, Whiting  
30-Aug 4 MARC National Meet

## THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR BREAKFAST



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

## Let's Celebrate!



### February

- 2 Russ Gouwens
- 3 Carrie Pierson
- 11 John Sailor
- 16 Dan Dieck
- 23 George Hansen

### February



- 2 Art & Marsha LeMere
- 13 Mike & Caroline Stanula
- 24 Chuck & Joy Kolar



### FELLOWSHIP

Leah, daughter of  
Susan Crabtree Timmons  
  
Norma Knopf  
  
Paul Bailie & Claudia Bailie  
  
Rich Pramuk

### EDITOR'S CORNER

We were blessed last month with a new grandson, Thomas Michael Volek. Although smitten, I think Smiddy was hoping for another namesake, similar to George Foreman who named all his sons 'George'! Here's a look at a future member of the HIR!



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

## Looking 'A'head



### February Business Meeting

Getting to Know You  
Be prepared to say a little sumthin' about yourself!

### Monthly Breakfast

February 15 - 9:00 am

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



### MAFFI Newsletter Minute

So, it is well established... you have a deep interest in the Model A Ford, and likely much more of the Antique and Classic Car Hobby. If you have not experienced the incredible automotive displays at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, home of the Model A Ford Museum, you should really put it on your 'bucket list'! The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) was established in 1986 to preserve the historical significance of the Model A Ford automobile. This was very successfully accomplished by the building of the Model A Museum at The Gilmore. The displays there are updated frequently, giving you a fresh experience each time you visit. And many of our exhibits are interactive and provide an immersive experience for viewers, young and old alike.

If you are already a member of MAFFI, we thank you for your support. But for those who have not yet joined, please consider the many benefits. First, all paid members and spouses are granted free admission all year to the Gilmore Car Museum campus which, in itself, is worth the price of annual membership. You can also get copies of original Ford factory photos, articles to share in your local newsletter, and find samples and detailed information on original Upholstery Materials and Model A Advertising. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and can borrow videos on a variety of Model A related topics.

The operation of the Model A Museum is funded totally through generous donations and member dues. That's right, one of the most important benefits of belonging to MAFFI is that you are financially supporting the Museum and related programs, allowing you and others to enjoy these benefits for years to come. I sincerely hope that you will join our ranks. You can get all the information you need on the MAFFI website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org).

You can also support your museum through monetary donations, as well as gifts of vehicles, parts, tools, era fashions and other related items. [MAFFI is a 501(c)(3) charity; donations are tax deductible.] 100% of every donation goes towards operating the Foundation and Museum. What a great way to become a part of the heritage of this special automobile, the Model A Ford!

Joe Fox, President - MAFFI  
Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI  
clubcontact@maffi.org

**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.

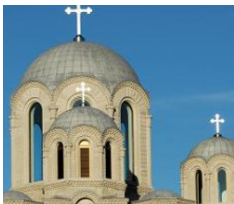
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



**2023 Committee Chairpersons**

- BY-LAWS: Chuck Kolar, Wally Hagberg, Dave Wright
- DONATIONS: Joy Kolar, Kim Sefton, Ron Kuiper, Jerry Sund, Craig Hansen
- EVENTS/PARADES: Chuck Kolar
- FALL TOUR: Mike Higgins
- FASHION: 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: Appointed Annually in August
- PICNIC: Ken Foley, Irma Sund & Cy Sefton
- PRINTING: Chuck Kolar
- RAFFLE: Craig Hansen
- REFRESHMENTS: Laura Hastings & Irma Sund
- WEBMASTER: Chuck Kolar (chkolar@sbcglobal.net)
- WINTER BANQUET: 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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**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

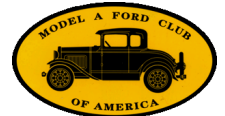
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**2023 MAFCA National Tour**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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