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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

On Saturday, September 16, we presented our club donation checks to MAFFI at the meeting under the tent during the Model A Days at the Gilmore Car Museum. They were surprised to see the \$5,000 Expansion Project check.

On Saturday, September 23, we enjoyed the Annual Harvest Festival at the Sunset Hill Farm County Park. The weather was beautiful for the festival and our drive to lunch and back to the festival. Our thanks to the Hastings for hosting this drive out.

The Fall Tour is coming up on October 6-8. Cindy and Mike have found a small town with many BIG things to see. 14 of them are Guinness World Record holders. I also hear we'll eat at a place that has the world's best burgers. I'm looking forward to that!

On Saturday, October 21, we have a drive out to the Hesston Steam Museum for a ride on the Hesston Ghost Train. This drive out will also include dinner at the Hesston Supper Club just down the road from the museum.



Jerry Sund

Eden Springs Drive Out

By Cy Sefton II (Cy 2)

On August 26, seven Model A's and two modern cars headed north into Michigan to Eden Springs Park in Benton Harbor for their 115th anniversary gala and vintage car show. The drive was short and a bit bumpy at times. We had zero break downs, just a few loose screws along the way. We all took a ride on an antique miniature train (continued pg. 5)





Business Meeting and Other Tidbits from September 6, 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*.

Jerry Sund introduced guest Keith Foor and his son, Keith, and Bill VanderMolen who owns a 1928 Tudor, 1930 Fordor and 1926 Model T. Also introduced was Alfonso Vargas, owner of a 1929 Sports Coupe (formerly Lu and Marlene Straka's).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kim Sefton reported on recent income and expenditures. After discussion the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

MINUTES: Cindy Fort presented the minutes from the August 9, 2023, minutes as printed in the September issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Mike Higgins is doing better and now driving. Tom Rock reported on Tony Largura. Art LeMere provided an update on Walter Paslawski. Also, Roger Gill fell took a fall.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 53.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OTHER BUSINESS: Mike Higgins read a thank you from the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society for participating at its 39th annual vintage tractor farm festival/club picnic.

Jerry Sund reminded members to join MARC

Ken Foley distributed new by-laws. Cindy Fort will mail copies to those not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: In Cy Sefton II's absence, Dan Dieck provided a report on the Eden Springs drive-out.

Chuck Kolar thanked those who attended the Malden Labor Day Parade.

Craig Hansen provided an update on the club brochure. A committee was formed: Tom Rock, Cindy Fort, Ken Foley Irma Sund, Jerry Sund.

Art LeMere spoke on club apparel as outlined in *The Spokesman* and to contact him to place an order.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Sund announced a sign up sheet for Gilmore for Model A Days.

Peter Hastings provided an update on the Harvest Festival at Sunset Hill Farm on September 23.

Jerry Sund provided details on a drive out to Hesston Steam museum on October 21.

Cindy Forte provided an update on the details of the Fall Tour October 6-8 to Casey, Illinois.

Jerry Sund moved to donate money earned from hosting the National Meet to the MAFFI expansion at Gilmore, the bus project, Model A Scholarship Fund

and Model A Youth Restoration Fund; so moved for four donations.

TECH TIME: Canceled due to program.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Diecks, Seftons, Cy Sefton II. Terry Dieck and Herb Southern won the monthly raffle.

PROGRAM: Featured the Annual Parts Auction, raising over \$200.

FINAL COMMENTS: Contact Jerry Sund if interested in taking on the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary

Treasurer's Report			
By Kim Sefton			
INCOME:			EXPENSES:
Dues	\$ 20.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Raffle	69.00	Auction Bank	60.00
Parts Auction	284.00	NIHPA	200.00
Auction Bank	60.00	LC Historical	200.00
		Foley Reimb	71.25
		MY Expansion	5,000.00
		MY Bus Restore	1,000
		MA Youth RF	500.00
		MY Scholarship	500.00
	\$ 443.00		\$ 7,581.25



FELLOWSHIP

Roger Gill
Tino Largura
Walter Paslawski

WITH
sympathy
Joan Moore

June 20, 1930 - September 15, 2023

Joan Moore (Hilbrich), age 93, passed away on September 15, 2023. She was born June 20, 1930, to Lawrence and Genevieve Hilbrich and was a lifelong resident of Griffith and Highland. Joan and her husband, Dick, were married on November 14, 1953. Dick preceded her in death in 2012.

Joan and Dick traveled extensively around the world, visiting more than 23 countries and all 50 states. They also enjoyed 20 years at their lake cottage with family and friends.

The HIR extends its condolences to the Moore family.

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 (McNabney)
- 16 - Monthly Breakfast
- 26 - Drive-Out (Sefton II)
- 30 - Cedar Creek Car Show Lowell

Paslawski & Borjan, Javorka, Sund

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)

Rock, Guernsey, Hansen

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
- 18-23 - GAMARII
- 20 - Monthly Breakfast
- 23 - Valpo Fall Festival Steam Show
- 23 - Chapel Lawn Car Show 12-4 pm
- 29 - Buddys Drive In Car Show, Beecher
- 29-Oct. 1 - Newport Hill Climb

Dieck, Sefton, Sefton II

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- 5 - Business Meeting (Jeopardy!)
- 14-16 - Bay City Membership Meet
- 19 - Monthly Breakfast
- 29-30 Crown Point Concours Car Show, Lake County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 2023						
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Sept 29-Oct. 1—Newport Hill Climb

- 4 - Business Meeting (LeMere)
- 6-8 - Fall Tour (Higgins)
- 18 - Monthly Breakfast
- 21 - Hesston Ghost Train Drive Out (Sund)

Foley, DeJong, Kuiper

MAY 2023						
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- 3 - Business Meeting (Dan Dieck)
- 6 - Route 66 Red Carpet Ride
- 12 - North Judson Drive Out
- 17 - Monthly Breakfast
- 19 - Henry Ford Day, Matteson, IL (rain date 5/22)
- 20 - Garge Sale, Claypool, Indiana Model A Parts Auction, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 27 - Cobe Cup (confirmed)
- 29 - South Holland Parade

NOVEMBER 2023						
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- 1 - Business Meeting (Kolar/Rock)
- 3-5 - Mystery Dinner Drive Out Michigan (LeMere)
- 11 - Veterans Day Parade
- 15 - Monthly Breakfast
- 18 - Cedar Lake Light Parade

Smiddy, Vandewater, Open

JUNE 2023						
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- 3 - Mount Ayr Car Show
- 4 - Lake County FOP Car Show Model A Day (Clinton, Wis.)
- 7 - Business Meeting (Swap Meet)
- 9-10 - Delphi Drive Out (Higgins)
- 21 - Monthly Breakfast
- 21 - Bethel Church Car Cruise In & Taco Dinner, Glenwood
- 24 - Drive Out (Higgins/Fort)

Kuiper, Gerrity, Hagberg

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

Rock, Hastings, Open

JULY 2023						
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- 4 - Whiting July 4 Parade
- 5 - Business Meeting
- 8 - HIR Picnic
- 16-21 MAFCA National Tour
- 19 - Monthly Breakfast
- 28 - Pierogi Fest Parade, Whiting
- 29 - A Day On the Dixie 8 am
- 30-Aug 4 MARC National Meet

LeMere, Open, Open

THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR BREAKFAST



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

Let's Celebrate!



- Oct. 4 Peter Hastings
- 5 Nick Leep
- 8 Ed Javorka
Dana Vandewater
- 14 Connie DeYoung
Bob Vandewater
- 24 Warren DeJong
- 25 Gene Guernsey
- 30 Jim McNabney
Tom Wojtan



- Oct. 3 Peter & Laura Hastings
- 9 Wally & Barb Hagberg
- 10 Dave & Cindy Kapica
- 20 Bob & Dana Vandewater

EDITOR'S CORNER

I was first approached by my dad to co-edit with him *The Spokesman* some 23 years ago. Dad has been a fantastic partner writing countless articles and finding funnies and in fact, patterned *The Spokesman* after his church newsletter - except instead of delighting his 'church family', it was to delight our 'HIR family'. Every month we have worked passionately and enthusiastically to bring you a good read, which we hope you have enjoyed.

While it has been our pleasure, we feel it is time we step down as editors of *The Spokesman*. As much as he wishes he could, dad is just physically unable to participate regularly. As for me, between an ever growing family and a full-time job, I just cannot give the newsletter the attention it deserves.

Our last issue as editors will be February. If a replacement cannot be found, we will temporarily offer to continue, but quarterly.

Dad and I feel that our 23 year tenure has been a *GREAT* success. We have never just settled for the ordinary, and we owe it all to our HIR family.

If you are not willing to risk the unusual you will have to settle for the ordinary.

Caroline Stanula and Russell Smiddy

Upcoming Events



NEWPORT HILL CLIMB

September 29 - October 1

Hosted by Newport Lions Club
Newport, Indiana



2023 Fall Tour

October 6-8

Hosted by Mike Higgins & Cindy Fort



Make your reservations now for the 2023 Fall Tour to Casey, Illinois, home to 14 Guinness World record constructions that you can visit.

Days Inn
217-305-7195

Call now to make your hotel reservation and use code: Highland Model A Club

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

October 18 - 9:00 am

Casa Balbino

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



THE HESSTON STEAM MUSEUM THE GHOST TRAIN DRIVE OUT

October 21

Tour Master: Peter & Laura Hastings

MURDER MYSTERY DRIVE OUT

November 3-5

Hosted by Art LeMere

Lakeside Inn

15251 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside, Michigan
269-469-0600

www.lakesideinns.com

Please contact Art LeMere at 708-878-6620 with any questions.

In Other News

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Model A Days were a resounding success! The weather was perfect –70 degrees—so all those open Model A cars that came to show themselves off for the theme this year had no trouble with the weather at the museum. In fact, the grounds were full of all types of Model A's driven onto the Gilmore grounds by hobbyists!

The “first start” Model A Coupe took just 43 minutes to start up after being abandoned more than 30 years and being in a flood up to the windshield. This year there were TWO first starts; the second was a truck (AA) and that only took a tad over 10 minutes to start up. There's no shortage of cracker jack mechanics at Model A Days.

The Model A school bus and Stake Bed truck were kept busy carrying passengers around the 90-acre grounds and riders had great fun smiling and waving. For the second year in a row, the Model A Driving school graduated a new batch of Model A drivers, so we can keep those inner tube tires rolling!

And there were lots of new Model A Ford Foundation Inc. red t-shirts and navy hoodies being worn by our loyal museum supporters. If you were there, you would know how much fun was had. If you didn't make it, pencil in your calendar for next year, September 20 and 21, 2024!

Happy motoring,
Mike DuBreuil, Secretary
MAFFI Board of Trustees



The Hesston Steam Museum The Ghost Train Drive Out October 21

Hosted by Jerry & Irma Sund

The Hesston Steam Museum is dedicated to restoring, preserving and operating steam equipment, including farm and industrial machinery and trains. It is located about ten miles north of LaPorte, Indiana.

The drive out will leave from the Sunset Hills Farm County Park north of Valpo on Rt.6 at noon. Have lunch before you arrive because we are having an early dinner. It's about a 35-mile drive to the museum grounds, which should put us there about 1 pm. The Ghost Train will be the main attraction, but other exhibits will be open.

We will leave the museum at 3:30 pm to have dinner at the Heston Supper Club just down the road. Because this club is very popular, if you get there at four when it opens, the parking lot may be full. By leaving the museum at 3:30 pm, we should get there by 3:35 pm, and find plenty of parking space. Our Model A's will look great parked on front of this 100-year-old building.

EDEN SPRINGS DRIVE OUT (continued from pg. 1, by Cy2)

that was built in the early 1900's. After that we enjoyed the fellowship of one another while checking out the other vintage cars while the band played! The food was delicious!

After providing train rides to 357 ticket holders (about 307 more than they anticipated for the day) a few volunteers took us on a tour of the old powerhouse that provided electricity to most of Benton Harbor at one time. We spent a while discussing the park's past, present, and future. Before departing they insisted we take pictures with our cars at the park's fountain which was built in the 1950's.



We had Dinner at the best Bob Evans I have ever been to!

Sunday morn we took a nice drive thru Benton Harbor to St Joseph. A stop at the Beach was a must. Everyone almost got a parking ticket! Tom Wojtan greatly enjoyed the swings at the park. A small shopping trip was a must when you are in Downtown St Joe.

Lunch was had at a place called Schu's bar and grill on the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan always delicious. After lunch we all departed for the Hoosier land stopping for ice cream at Oinks Dutch Treat in New Buffalo along the way!

I put 200 miles on my car that weekend the most I have ever driven it

Thank you all for coming and a special thanks to those who helped me figure out my first Drive out.



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.

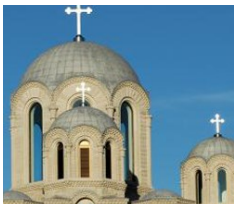
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



2023 Committee Chairpersons

- BY-LAWS: Ken Foley, 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 and Tom Rock
FELLOWSHIP: Susan DeJong
MAFFI LIAISON: Mike Higgins
MARC CORRESPONDENT: Joy Kolar
MARC MILEAGE: Warren DeJong
MEMBERSHIP: Kim Sefton
NEWSLETTER: Caroline Stanula and Russell Smiddy
NOMINATING: Appointed Annually in August
PICNIC: Ken Foley, Irma Sund and Cy Sefton
PRINTING: Chuck Kolar
RAFFLE: Craig Hansen
REFRESHMENTS: Laura Hastings and Irma Sund
WEBMASTER: Chuck Kolar (chkolar@sbcglobal.net)
WINTER BANQUET: Pam Rock

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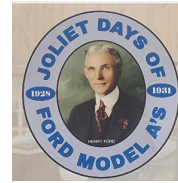
Special thanks to St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church/Hall for hosting the HIR Business Meetings

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.



Highland Indiana Region
Model A Restorer's Club
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National Events



2024 MARC National Membership Meet

April 4 - 7
Joliet, Illinois

Hosted by Joliet Region

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2024 MARC National Tour

May 21 - 23
Berlin, Ohio



Sponsored by the Model A Drivers of East Central, Ohio, Oakleaf and Scioto Regions

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2024 MAFCA National Convention

June 23 - 29

Ruidoso, New Mexico

2025 MAFCA National Tour

June 16 - 22

Waynesville, Virginia



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 D card and 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)? _____

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(circle one)

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