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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

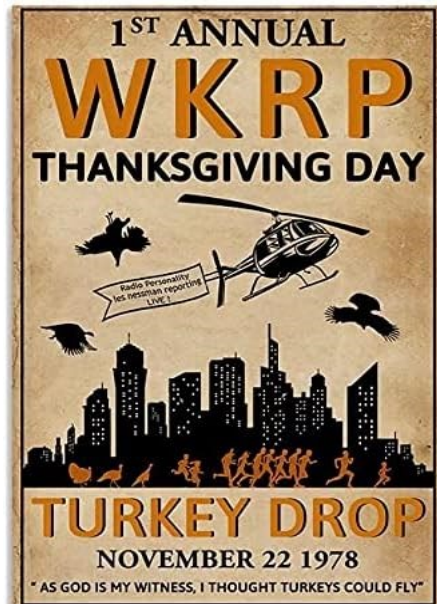
The Brochure Committee is putting together a brochure for the Highland Model A Club and would like to have photos of club activities. If you have any photos that you think would be good for the brochure, please bring them to the November meeting or email them to me.

The Nominating Committee will be presenting its 2024 slate of officers at the next meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

The program for the November meeting will be on era fashion, so if you have era clothes wear them to the meeting. If you have received your September/October "Model A News", check out page 23.

The Fall Tour on October 6-8, led by Cindy and Mike, put us in the small town of Casey, Illinois. The town is small but full of big things. The weather was a little cool and windy, but the food was great. Our thanks to Cindy and Mike.

On Saturday, October 21, we had a drive out to the Hesston Steam Museum for a ride on the Hesston Ghost Train. This drive out also included dinner at the Hesston Supper Club just down the road from the museum. We had fun on the Ghost Train and our cars looked great parked around the 100+ year old building.



Jerry Sund

Fall Tour 2023

By: Cindy Fort



On a crisp, sunny fall day, eleven Model As and two modern cars began the journey at Phil's Truck Stop in Lake Village. Winding our way through beautiful back roads, the club made their way to lunch at Rich's Family Restaurant in Ogden, Illinois. After lunch, it was on to Casey, Illinois, home of the "Small town with big things". Once checked into the hotel, members were eager to see what all the fuss about. How big can these items really be???

Well, there's the world's largest wind chimes (42' tall), barbershop pole (14'7" tall), golf driver (45" long), golf tee (30" tall), truck key (28'2" tall), mailbox you can climb up to, rocking chair (56" tall), swizzle stick (11'8.5" tall), teeter totter (83' long), wooden shoes (4'9" tall), pitchfork (60" long), and many other just big things that members got to find over the weekend. (Continued, pg. 4).



Business Meeting and Other Tidbits from October 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*.

Jerry Sund began the meeting by introducing guests. Dave Shivaiec introduced Noah Back, the owner of a 1931 Model who is experiencing some trouble. Ken Foley introduced Tim Poeppel, who is looking for a car.

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 September 6, 2023, minutes as printed in the September issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Cy Sefton reported that Kim was absent due to illness. Warren DeJong reported that Susan had recently talked to Tino Largura, who is doing better. Likewise, Mike Higgins reported that he is doing better as well.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 57. A reminder was made to let Chuck Kolar know when you have paid 2024 MARC dues, so that you are included in the 2024 HIR Roster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OTHER BUSINESS: Jerry Sund reported that we are looking for a new editor for *The Spokesman* and to contact him if interested.

Cindy Forte mailed newly revised bylaws to those members not in attendance at September. She asked anyone who hasn't received those to let her know.

OLD BUSINESS: Alfonso Vargas reported about his first trip to Gilmore for Model A Day and meeting Paul Shin.

Peter Hastings reported on the day at the Valparaiso Fall Festival and drive-out, especially through the roundabout.

Roger Gill reported on the bus project after seeing it in August.

Cy Sefon, II, provided an updated his report on the Eden Springs drive-out.

Art LeMere announced the last chance to book rooms for the Murder Mystery tour November 3-5.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Higgins provided final details about the Fall Tour.

Jerry Sund provided details on the Hesston Steam Museum drive-out scheduled for October 21.

Tom Rock reported that Pam is changing the venue for the Winter Banquet. Details to follow soon.

Tom Rock announced Pam's suggestion to use HIR money to pay 2024 member dues or to help fund Winter Banquet.

TECH TIME: Chuck Kolar had car trouble; it wouldn't start because the water pump leaked into the coil wire causing a weak connection.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Foleys, DeJongs and Kuipers. Mike McIntire and Cy Sefton won the monthly raffle.

PROGRAM: Ed Magerl and Dave Wright hosted the HIR's annual game of *Jeopardy!*

FINAL COMMENTS: Tom and Joy are presenting a fashion seminar next month. Please wear your era fashion.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

By Kim Sefton		EXPENSES:	
INCOME:		St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Raffle	\$ 61.00		
Donation	32.00		
Dues	<u>40.00</u>		
	\$133.00		\$ 50.00



WITH
sympathy

Gene Nottoli

June 20, 1930 - September 15, 2023

Gene Nottoli passed away peacefully on September 29, 2023.

He is survived by his wife of almost 69 years, Barbara, and three children: Dave (Teri) Nottoli, Judy Nottoli, and Janet (Patrick) Worries. He is also survived by four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Gene grew up in Hammond and was a long time resident of Munster, before moving to North Richland Hills, Texas, five year ago. A graduate of Hammond High School and Purdue University, Gene will be remembered as an avid sports fan, an antique auto enthusiast and a loving and grateful husband and father.

The HIR extends its condolences to the Nottoli family.

2023 Master Calendar

- 1 - Business Meeting
- 15 - Monthly Breakfast

VanDerAa, Wright, Hastings

FEBRUARY 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

- 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

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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

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

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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

- 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

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

Smiddy, Vandewater, Open

- 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)

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

Rock, Hastings, Open

- 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

JULY 2023						
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THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR BREAKFAST



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

Let's Celebrate!



Nov. 13 Russell Smiddy
Happy 93rd!
26 Laura Hastings



Nov. 16 Eugene & Billie Gillingham
24 John & Cheryl Sailor
27 Dave & Becky Wright

Thinking of you **FELLOWSHIP**
Susan DeJong
Tino Largura
Walter Paslawski

EDITOR'S CORNER

Another super busy month! Hope everyone enjoyed the weather while it was nice.

Sounds like the Fall Tour was a giant success (no pun intended). Thanks, Cindy, for the pics. This picture here is cracks me up, but also makes me feel that THIS is the definition of the HIR... never let a brother down and always there to help.



Get out those hats, gloves and parkas and let's not forget the Veterans Parade this weekend. **THANK YOU** to our many HIR Veterans!

And, Happy 93rd to my favorite Vet!

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

Caroline Stanula and Russell Smiddy

Upcoming Events



MURDER MYSTERY DRIVE OUT

November 3-5

Hosted by Art LeMere

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

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

November 15 - 9:00 am

Casa Balbino

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



Fall Tour (continued from pg. 1)

On Saturday, the tour continued to Moonshine, Illinois... population 2. Lunch was at the Moonshine Café, home of the moonshine burger. Let's just say no one left hungry, and everyone was surprised by their speed of service!! That evening, dinner was at Richard's Farm Restaurant which was once a 1930s barn. Our trip time included more scenic back roads through Illinois and Indiana, stopping in Attica for lunch at Crossroads Family Restaurant for another great meal. We all made it home safe and sound except for one Model A who needed a little extra help getting home.

Thanks for a great fall tour.

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.

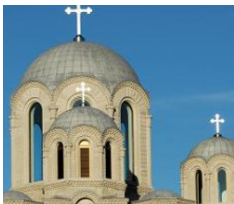
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



2023 Committee Chairpersons

- BY-LAWS: Ken Foley, Chuck Kolar, Wally Hagberg, Dave Wright
- CLUB BROCHURE: Ken Foley, Cindy Forte, Craig Hansen, Tom Rick, Jerry Sund
- 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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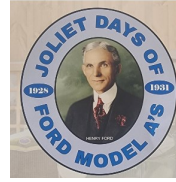
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St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church/Hall
for hosting the HIR Business Meetings

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



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

2024 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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