



# THE SPOKESMAN

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## Highland, Indiana

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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.

2024 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

November was a bad month for the club as far as illness goes. More than a few of us came down with Covid. Irma and I not only had Covid, we had RSV as well. It took the entire month for us to recover.

At the meeting this month, we will elect club officers for the new year. We will also be collecting "Toys for Tots" so please bring unwrapped new toys in the original package. No stuffed toys and no weapon type toys.

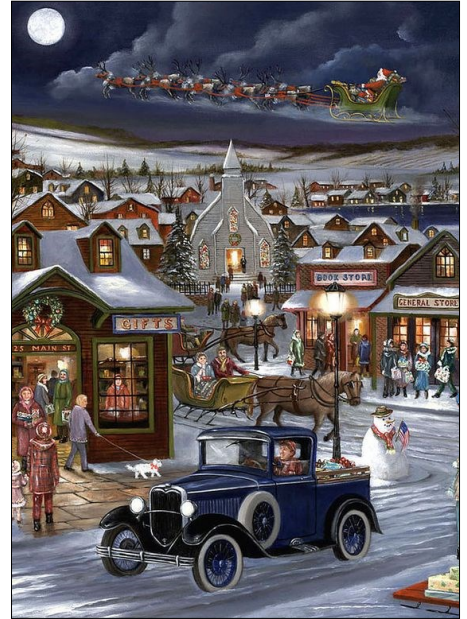
We're still looking for someone to take over as editor of The Spokesman.

It's that time of year again for us to pay our club dues. Kim will be collecting HIR \$20 dues and your MARC dues should be paid as well.

This meeting will be the annual pizza meeting so come hungry and bring your own drinks.

Because December 31<sup>st</sup> falls on a Sunday, The Polar Bear Dash will be held on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> instead this year. So now you can go to church on Sunday morning.

Looking forward to next year, please give some thought to hosting an event and do the research so as to have details ready for the January planning meeting. Also to anyone on a 2023 committee, if you want to make any changes (join, switch or retire from a committee), please let me know.



*Jerry Sund*

## It's a Christmas Party!

December 6 ~ 7:00 pm

Pizza provided

The HIR is collecting



**New, unwrapped toys appreciated!**

Thank you to the Rocks, Hastings and the Gills for volunteering to bring the evening's refreshments. Bring your own beverage (no alcohol). Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots toy drive (no stuffed animals or toy weapons).

There will be no 'program', but instead we will enjoy a Holiday gathering including pizza, fellowship and of course, lots of laughter!



## Business Meeting and Other Tidbits from November 1, 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 on recent income and expenditures. After discussion the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**MINUTES:** Cindy Fort presented the minutes from the October 3, 2023, minutes as printed in the November issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

**FELLOWSHIP REPORT:** Susan DeJong reported that Tino is doing well. Jerry Sund reported that he spoke with Walter Paslawski and he is doing a little better but still wants to sell his 1930 Fordor (\$8,000).

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 58, and that she is accepting 2024 dues.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and OTHER BUSINESS:** Mike Higgins read a thank you from MAFFI for the donations to the expansion and bus projects

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jerry Sund announced that the club is still looking for a new editor for *The Spokesman*.

Chuck Kolar announced that he is currently working on the 2024 HIR Roster. He announced that dues must be paid to both the HIR and MARC to be included.

Jerry Sund gave an update about the club brochure. The committee is asking for pictures from club activities to be placed in the brochure.

Cindy Fort gave a report about the Fall Tour to Casey, Illinois.

Chuck Kolar announced that HIR "On Tour" banners and license plates are for sale for \$10 and \$16, respectively.

Jerry Sund gave a report on the Hesston Ghost Train drive-out.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chuck Kolar provided details about the Hammond Veterans' Appreciation Day Parade, and the Cedar Lake Christmas Parade.

Craig Hansen announced the Lake Central Veteran's Day event.

Warren DeJong, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, announced that the current officers agreed to stay on for another year. Nominations were closed and the club voted to retain all current officers.

Pam Rock announced the annual winter banquet at Andorra Banquets on January 13. A motion was made and approved that the HIR will pay \$15/person.

Cindy Fort and Mike Higgins announced that the Polar Bear Dash breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 30 (and not New Year's Eve, December 31), at 9:00 am at Andorra Banquets, \$20/person.

Peter Hastings announced that he has information about a 1930 Coupe for sale in South Bend, between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

Ed Javorka announced that D.J. Stonerock is selling his trailer, for \$5,000.

Art LeMere provided an update on the Michigan Murder Mystery Drive Out November 3-5.

**TECH TIME:** John Pearson reported that the coil melted and fell apart. Chuck Kolar reported an issue on the passenger side housing bearing. Warren DeJong reported that his center main bearing is gone and now needs a new motor. Dave Wright reported that Ed Javorka's car had had a miss caused by a burnt hold in the distributor body causing cylinder not to fire.

**REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE:** Refreshments were provided by Veterans Russell Smiddy and Bob Vandewater, in recognition of Veterans Day, and Smiddy's 93rd Birthday. Kathy Kuiper and Kim Sefton won the monthly raffle.

**PROGRAM:** The program was presented by Joy Kolar and Tom Rock on Era Fashions.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** Next month's meeting is the Holiday pizza party and Toys for Tots Drive.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm.

*Cindy Fort, Secretary*

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>			
By Kim Sefton			
<b>INCOME:</b>		<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Raffle	\$ 61.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Dues	40.00		



**1929 CABRIOLET FOR SALE:** 4-speed transmission, new tires and motor, water reclamation, heavy duty radiator \$23,800. Jim McNabney @ 219-924-5070.

**1930 FORDOR FOR SALE:** \$8,000. Contact Walter Paslawski @ 219-798-6078.

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

**FOR SALE:** HIR "On Tour" banners \$10.00, and license plates \$16.00. Chuck Kolar @ 219-765-4208.

# 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)

Kuiper, Gerrity, Hagberg

JUNE 2023						
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- 2 - Hammond Holiday Parade
- 6 - Business Meeting/Pizza Party
- 20 - Monthly Breakfast
- 30 - Polar Bear Dash (Andorra)

Rock, Hastings, Gill

- 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!



- Dec. 3 Ed Magerl
- 9 Ann Pramuk  
Tom Rock
- 12 Michael McIntire
- 13 Ken Foley
- 18 Sharon Meyers
- 20 Barb Hagberg
- 27 Dave Wright



- Dec. 10 Roger & Judy Gill
- 21 Jim & Margaret  
McNabney
- 26 Ron & Sharon Meyers

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

### EDITOR'S CORNER

If I have missed a birthday or anniversary, kindly let me know. Everyone deserves recognition on their special day!

As the year winds down, it gives you plenty of time to think about 2024! We anticipate another fun-filled calendar of events, so start brainstorming!

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
*from our family to yours*



Caroline Stanula & Russell Smiddy

## Upcoming Events



### Holiday Parade

**HAMMOND HOLIDAY PARADE**  
Saturday, December 2  
8:00 am check-in, Unit 28  
Meet at 175th and Northcote (Gavit)  
No Santa's allowed.

*When We Meet, We Eat.*



### MONTHLY BREAKFAST

December 20 - 9:00 am

Casa Balbino

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



### UPCOMING DUE DATES

**HIR Club Dues ~ \$20.00**

(due 12/31/2023)

**Polar Bear Dash ~ \$20.00 per person**

(due 12/22/2023)

**Annual Club Banquet ~ \$15.00 per person**

(due 01/085/2023)

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



Hosted by: Cindy Fort & Mike Higgins

### The Eve Before New Year's Eve

### Polar Bear Dash

Saturday, December 30

9:00 am

Andorra Banquet  
Route 41, Schererville

### Highland Model A Club Winter Banquet

January 15, 2023 ~ 5:00 pm

Andorra Banquets, Route 41, Schererville

Details at December meeting; RSVP with payment by January 5 to Pam Rock

**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.

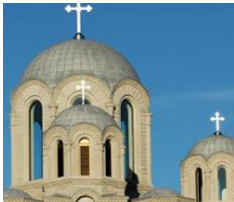
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



**2023 Committee Chairpersons**

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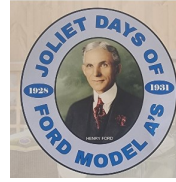
Special thanks to  
**St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church/Hall**  
for hosting the HIR Business Meetings

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**  
PO Box 1883  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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