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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 August business meeting will be on Wednesday, August 9, and not August 2 as usual. This is because most of the board will be attending the 2023 MARC National Meet in Hamilton, Ohio. Also, at the August meeting will be a guest speaker, beginning at 7PM and the meeting will start after the speaker is finished. The guest speaker, Dr. Scipes, will be speaking on Climate Change, which is the program for August.

If you took your name tag home, please bring it back and wear it at the meetings. And remember to leave it on the tray when you leave the meeting so it will be there for the next meeting.

We will be voting on the new By-Laws for the second time this month. At the July meeting, the first vote was unanimous in accepting the new By-Laws, so if they are accepted at the second vote, they will become our official By-Laws.

For those who attended the Pierogi Fest Parade and/or the Dixie Tour, hope you had fun and we look forward to hear how it went.



*Jerry Sund*



## AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING GUEST SPEAKER DR. KIM SCIPES

A little background about our speaker on August 9, Dr. Kim Scipes, Professor Emeritus at Purdue University Northwest, Westville. His topic is "Climate Change," which has recently become an important topic.

Dr. Scipes provides statistics about our climate that might make us think seriously about the future of our world and life upon it. We have the only planet in the universe that has been found to contain life.

The statistics provided by Dr. Scipes go as far back as 800,000 years (no misprint.. For example, "The seven hottest years in human history have been the last seven."

Please remember that Dr. Scipes' program will start at 7:00 pm. A question and answer period will follow. Our regular business meeting will follow Dr. Scipes' program. If you have a friend or relative who might be interested in attending the program, you might want to give Jim McNabney a call at 219-924-5070 to make sure about seating availability; however, we do not anticipate a problem.

Dr. Scipes has a web page that focuses on climate change and other environmental issues. This free web page can be found at <https://www.pnw.edu/faculty/kim-scipes-ph-d/publications/climate-change-publication/>



## Business Meeting and Other Tidbits from July 5, 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*.

Cindy Forte introduced guests, her Uncle Lou Gudino and Joan, visiting from Indianapolis.

**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 June 7, 2023, as printed in the July issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

**FELLOWSHIP REPORT:** Becky Wright reported that Susan DeJong was recently hospitalized but is doing better. Jim McNabney reported that Margaret had a TIA in early June but is doing better. Joy Kolar reported that Ed Javorka had knee replacement surgery and is doing well but that vertigo is still an issue. Tom Rock reported that Craig Hansen is up and driving his A, when Craig showed up at the meeting. Peter Hastings reported that Doc Ronneau and Doc's daughter stopped by for a visit and is doing well.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 53, with 42 members in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and OTHER BUSINESS:** Mike Higgins announced that the Valpo Airport is hosting CAF Airpower History Tour from July 12-16.

Jerry LeMere announced that Ford of Homewood is hosting a USO car show on July 15 at 10:30 am

Jerry Sund asked anyone attending the MARC National Meet in Hamilton, Ohio, to sign up to finalize driving plans.

Jim McNabney announced the guest speaker and program at the August business meeting and that the program will be presented first, prior to the business meeting.

Craig Hansen thanked everyone who helped get his car running again.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ken Foley presented the amended by-laws for vote; unanimous approval.

Mike Higgins thanked those who attended the North Judson drive-out.

Ken Foley provided an update and details regarding the club picnic July 8 at 11:00

Cy Sefton, II, provided a reminder about booking hotel accommodations for the House of David drive-out August 25-26.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chuck Kolar announced an invitation by the Cedar Lake Historical Association to its Farmers Market on July 26 from 11 am - 8 pm, and to bring Model As and families.

Chuck Kolar announced that details about the Whitening Pierogi Fest Parade on July 28 would be emailed closer to the date

Cy Sefton, II, announced a car show at the Cedar Creek Health Campus in Lowell, on August 30, 4:30-6:30 pm.

Dave Shivalec announced he is selling Shriners raffle tickets.

Art LeMere announced to contact him if you are interested in ordering club apparel/gear.

Peter Hasting asked the Donations Committee for a club donation to NIHPA for allowing us to participate for free at its Fall Festival over the years.

**TECH TIME:** Roger Gill reported that his clutch linkage arm cracked causing his car to not shift gears. Peter Hastings reported that he had to rebuild his distributor because he had intermittent problems. Dave Shivalec reported a problem with pop out ignition switch. Art LeMere reported that his new style ignition plate had bad points, and to beware. Mike Higgins reported rust in the bottom of spark arrester caused by bad gas plugged up fuel shut off valve.

**REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE:** Refreshments were provided by the LeMeres, Wrights and Sunds. Gene Guernsey and Jon Pearson won the monthly raffle. Refreshment volunteers for next month were solicited and announced.

**PROGRAM:** No program.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** Donation Committee met and approved \$200 club donation to NIHPA and Lake County Historical Association (club picnic).

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

*Cindy Fort, Secretary*

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>			
By Kim Sefton			
<b>INCOME:</b>		<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Raffle	\$ 60.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Parade	<u>300.00</u>		<u>          </u>
	\$360.00		\$ 50.00



# 2023 Master Calendar

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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

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

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

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



CASA BALDINA

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

## Let's Celebrate!



- Aug. 2 Mary Pearson
- 8 Cindy Kapica
- 12 Irma Sund
- 13 Margaret McNabney  
Kim Sefton
- 18 Terry Phillips
- 21 Beverli Leep
- 26 Walter Paslawski
- 28 Cy Sefton
- 30 Susan DeJong



- Aug. 19 Terry & Cindy  
Phillips
- 24 Rich & Ann Pramuk
- 28 Jerry & Irma Sund



### FELLOWSHIP

- Susan DeJong
- Craig Hansen
- Mike Higgins
- Ed Javorka
- Margaret McNabney
- Walter Paslawski

### EDITOR'S CORNER

Where did summer go? I could swear it was June just yesterday. As is always the case, between work, grandchildren and family/friends activities, time just got away from me this month. So I apologize for the delay with the newsletter. If you have experience with a newsletter software program (preferably not Publisher), or if you're interested in taking on *The Spokesman*, let me know. Smiddy might be a hard sell, but I'll see what I can do ☺

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

Caroline Stanula and Russell Smiddy  
(cstanula@gmail.com)

## Looking 'A'head



### BUSINESS MEETING

August 9

### MONTHLY BREAKFAST

August 16 - 9:00 am

Casa Balbino

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



### EDEN SPRINGS / HOUSE OF DAVID DRIVE OUT

August 26

Hosted by Cy Sefton II

For those who wish to drive up on August 25:

**Best Western Benton Harbor–St. Joseph**  
1592 Mall Drive, Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
269-925-3000

[www.Bentonstjoe.com](http://www.Bentonstjoe.com).

More details at the August business meeting.

Contact Cy Sefton II at 219-677-1848 with any questions.

### MALDEN LABOR DAY PARADE

September 4



Details and sign-up sheet at August business meeting

### MURDER MYSTERY DRIVE OUT

November 3-5

Hosted by Art LeMere

Book your room for the **Murder Mystery** drive-out to Lakeside, Michigan, on Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5.

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

[www.lakesideinns.com](http://www.lakesideinns.com)

More details at the August business meeting.

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

## In Other News

### MAFFI Newsletter Minute

After several months of planning the word is finally out. The following information was posted on the MAFCA web page on July 15, 2023.

*“The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum complex in Hickory Corners Michigan is planning an expansion of the existing Model A museum. The museum opened in 2013 and is filled to the brim with Model A vehicles, exhibits, and interactive displays. More room is needed for additional vehicles and exhibits.”*

Please visit the MAFCA web page to read the remainder of this article. Do not skip the link information.

This expansion will be paid in its entirety by donations. More on this will reach MAFCA and MARC membership in the coming months.

Happy motoring,  
Mike DuBreuil, Secretary  
MAFFI Board of Trustees



**\*Featured: Cedar Creek Health Campus, Lowell**  
August 30 4-8 pm (Elvis appearance!)

**Lowell** (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday/month\*, 4-8 pm)  
July 8\* (2nd Saturday)

**Crown Point Car Cruise** (Thursdays, 4-8 pm)  
June 8-September 28

**Hebron, First Church** (last Wed., 5-8 pm)

**Highland Wicker Park** (4<sup>th</sup> Wed., 4-7 pm)

**Whiting** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 5-9 pm)  
August 16 (\*Elvis Night\*)



### HIR PICNIC & HUBLEY DERBY

By: Dan Dieck

It wasn't the best racing weather but eleven cars were there Saturday, July 8, at the Lake County Fairgrounds, for the biggest anticipated event of the summer. Seven owners had the cars ready for this race. No one jumped the track this year and there weren't any big crashes. One car stalled down the roadway which isn't unusual for a Model A.

Due to the expertise engineering of Peter Hastings all cars made it safely past the finish line. We ran eleven heats to come down to a 3-way tie for first place. Peter Hastings Cabriolet, Dan Dieck's pickup and Dan's green Phaeton were the final three vehicles for the run-off heats. We had a 3-heat run-off. After the second heat, the Cabriolet and Phaeton were tied - either one could win it all. But, in the third heat, the pickup ran away from the others, so who was next to be the winner of the overall run off. Peter's Cabriolet, making Peter Hastings the BIG Winner this year of the Hubley Derby Race. Dan Dieck's Phaeton came in second and Dan's pickup took third. We also had a Peoples Choice Award where anyone attending could vote for their favorite car or truck. Mark Gerrity was the winner of the Peoples Choice Award.

Through the drizzling rain, cloudy skies and cooler weather, the race still ran. Thanks to all who participated and watched. Remember, you have until next year to get those engines started.

### When We Meet... We Eat



Whiting Fourth of July Parade

### WANTED



Has anyone seen this window replacement? It was made in Chicago; looking for one or possibly to duplicate it. There is also one with a roll down rear window kit. Call Mark Gerrity 708.498.2626.

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.

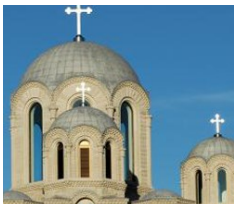
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



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.



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National Events



2023 National Meet

July 30 - August 4

Hamilton, Ohio

Hosted by: Hamilton A's

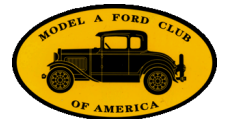
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2023 MAFCA National Tour

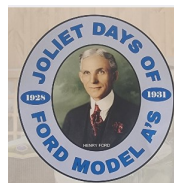
July 16 - 21

Auburn, Indiana

Hosted by: Southeastern Touring Group



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2024 Membership Meet

April 4 - 7

Joliet, Illinois

Hosted by: Joliet Region

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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 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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