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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

August was another busy month for our club. The MARC National Meet in Ohio started the month, followed by our delayed meeting with a guest speaker on climate change resulting with a rather spirited discussion. Later in the month we drove out to the Eden Springs Park at the House of David in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where we enjoyed their 115th Anniversary Gala and participated in the Vintage Car Show. We finished the month at the Cedar Creek Health Campus Annual Car Show in Lowell.

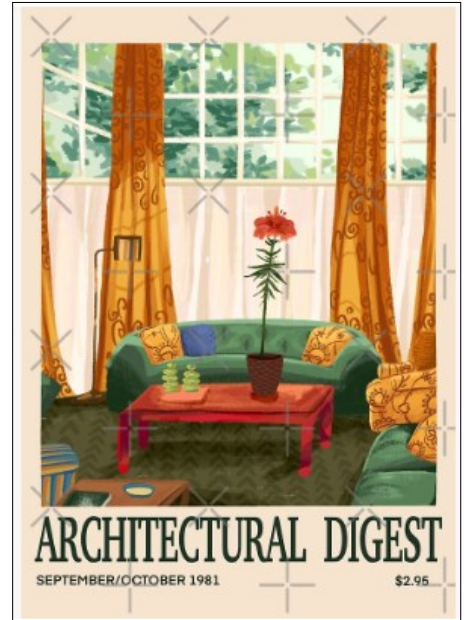
September will start with the Labor Day Parade in Malden, followed by our meeting and the annual parts auction. Bring those unused parts you no longer need or want- maybe someone needs them.

The Model A Days at Gilmore will be coming up this month. It will be a two-day event so we'll be driving there Thursday, Sept. 14 and staying at the Delta Hotel in Kalamazoo. More details at the meeting.

On Saturday, September 23, we have the Fall Harvest Festival at the Sunset Hill Farm County Park near Valparaiso. Details are in this Spokesman.

The Fall Tour is coming up on October 6-8. Details were emailed on August 16 and will be announced at the September meeting.

I am considering a drive out to the Hesston Steam Museum on Saturday, October 21, for a ride on the Hesston Ghost Train. More on this at the meeting.



Jerry Sund

A Rescue

By Eugene Gillingham



A crack team of Highland club volunteers recently assembled to rescue a fellow club member's car which had been left sitting quietly in his garage. Craig Hansen had recently initiated a wiring refresh project on his 'A' when he experienced a temporary medical setback. He had set out to improve on a previous owner's turn signal modifications and then found himself recuperating and in rehab. He was literally unable to even open his garage door.

A Club call out was initiated and eight valiant friends assembled on Juneteenth to sort out the extended list of serial butt splices, lost grounds and what-not that bedeviled Craig's car. (*A Rescue*, continued, pg. 5.)



Business Meeting and Other Tidbits from August 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Director Jerry Sund at 8:16 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, who bought a 1930 Roadster at auction and want to join the HIR. Jim McNabney introduced guest John Karcher.

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 July 5, 2023, minutes as printed in the August issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Jerry Sund reported that Walter Paslawski was recently hospitalized with stomach cancer. Mike Higgins reported that he is on the road to recovery after his hospital stay.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 53, with 33 members in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OTHER BUSINESS: Chuck Kolar reminded members that *The Spokesman* is posted to the club's website every month.

Cy Sefton II reminded members of the Cedar Creek Car Show on August 30 in Lowell, Indiana.

The 2024 MARC National Membership Meet was announced to be in Joliet from April 4-6, and the 2024 MARC National Tour is May 21-23 in Berlin, Ohio.

Jerry Sund reported that Walter Paslawski selling his car, and to call Walter if interested. Also, if you have not joined MARC, to do so as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS: The second reading of the by-laws were voted on and approved. Jerry Sund will bring the committee together however, to define 'auxiliary member'.

Dan Dieck reported on the club picnic and was disappointed with Hubley Derby participation. He wishes to discuss at a future meeting.

Jerry Sund reported on the 2023 MARC National Meet in Hamilton, Ohio, and congratulated Tom Rock for earning a MARC Fashion Excellence Award.

Jim McNabney reported on trying to get to the Pier-go Fest parade.

Cy Sefon II provided an update on the House of David drive out on August 26-27.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Sund announced the 2024 Nominating Committee, as Warren DeJong, Herb Southern, John Schopp, and Ken Foley.

Chuck Kolar reminded the club to watch email for details on the Malden Labor Day Parade.

Warren DeJong announced that he is selling his 1931 Fordor.

Jerry Sund announced a car show on September 30 at Chapel Lawn.

Art LeMere reported that club apparel is available.

TECH TIME: Canceled due to program.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Hastings, Javorka and Sunds. Jim McNabney and Kim Sefton won the monthly raffle.

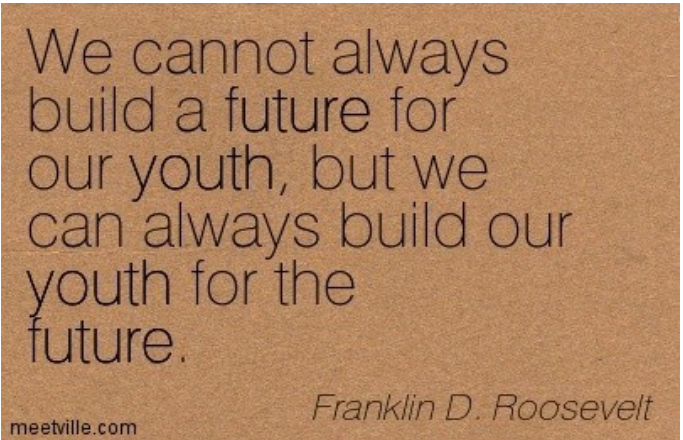
PROGRAM: Jim McNabney introduced Dr. Kim Scipes from Purdue University Northwest, who presented on climate change.

FINAL COMMENTS: Annual parts auction—bring parts, all proceeds to club

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary

Treasurer's Report			
By Kim Sefton			
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Dues	\$ 20.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Raffle	<u>52.00</u>		<u> </u>
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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

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

Foley, DeJong, Kuiper

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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!



- Sept. 4 Linda Javorka
Justin LaPlante
- 13 Olan Smith
- 17 Mary DeYoung
- 20 Joy Kolar
- 21 Dave Kapica
- 23 Norma Knopf
- 27 Cy Sefton II
- 29 Jannette Foley



- Sept.20 Dan & Terry Dieck
- 26 Cy & Alyssa Sefton



FELLOWSHIP

Craig Hansen
Walter Paslawski

EDITOR'S CORNER

There are a couple of overnight trips coming up, so be sure to schedule your reservations soon.

We're heading into some pretty warm weather this September. Hopefully it will cool down for annual Model A Day in Gilmore, and let's hope it's not too cool for the Harvest Festival in Valpo.

If you have a chance, Google Casey, Illinois. You'll get to preview just some of the ginormous features in this year's Fall Tour, hosted by Mike Higgins and Cindy Fort.

Another busy month and late newsletter. Smiddy just welcomed his thirteenth great grandchild and has been a little preoccupied!

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

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

Upcoming Events



MALDEN LABOR DAY PARADE

September 4



BUSINESS MEETING

September 6

Featuring Annual Parts Auction



GILMORE MUSEUM MODEL A DAY

GILMORE
CAR MUSEUM
September 14-16

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

September 20 - 9:00 am

Casa Balbino

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



VALPO FALL FESTIVAL & STEAM SHOW

September 23

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

MAFFI Model A Days, September 15-16, 2023: The planning is complete for this years' Model A Days. The theme for this year is "**Open Cars**". There will be a special gate access to Model A parking. A two-day swap meet is planned. You will be able to "*Ride-the-A*" around the Gilmore campus in a Model A car, AA stake bed truck and/or maybe even a Model A school bus. There will be a Model A driving school for those who have registered for this activity. A catered dinner with a tour of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary as well as a tour of the Kellogg Manor House is planned, (these require registration). Seminars will include a fashion seminar; a technical seminar-The ABC's of the Model A Engine; a touring seminar-Road-Trip 101; and a special guest speaking on the Great Race. There will again be a MAFFI sales table. (It is requested shirts be pre-ordered to be sure your shirt in your size is available.) The Henry Ford Heritage Association will be in attendance. A Jazz Band will perform. Some special rate rooms may still be available, although they are filling up. All of this is happening at Hickory Corners, Michigan. For more information and registration procedures, visit the MAFFI web page. ***Come visit, what a way for Model A folks to end the summer season for 2023!***

Happy motoring,
Mike DuBreuil, Secretary
MAFFI Board of Trustees



Harvest Festival Drive Out September 23

Hosted by Peter & Laura Hastings

Cars will assemble on September 23 at the Annual Harvest Festival, Sunset Hill Farm, 775 N. Meridian Road, Valparaiso, at 10:00 am.

Our club is a sponsor of the Festival, and we are admitted free. We will pre-order lunch from Jimmy John's, then we will leave the festival grounds for a 12-mile drive on scenic tree-covered roads. We will have our lunch, then drive a different route back to the Festival, where we will be announced as we join the historic vehicle parade.

All turns and crossings are specifically chosen so our Model A's can travel together. Last year, 18 cars drove.

Besides us, Festival attractions include Steam Engines, Sawmill, Threshing and Baling, Antique Tractors, Field Demonstrations, Live Music, Blacksmithing, a very large permanent Model Railroad Layout, and a Flea Market.

Bring chairs and beverages.

Cars coming from the Merrillville area: meet Chuck Kolar at the Meijer's lot at 9:15 AM.

More information: call or text Peter and Laura Hastings 773.680.1300

2023 Fall Tour

October 6-8

Hosted by Mike Higgins & Cindy Fort



Make reservations now for the 2023 Fall Tour to Casey, Illinois. This town is 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 the code Highland Model A Club to get the following rate:

King room: \$90.10 +tax/Queen room (2 beds): \$98.60 +tax

Twelve rooms have been reserved (6 king, 6 queen), but we can likely get more if needed. When calling, ask for April, our contact person, who is available between 7 am and 3 pm.

We will have more information and further details at the September meeting.

Looking forward to a good drive!

A Rescue (continued from pg. 1)

Secretive rescuer, Mike Higgins, initiated a subterfuge to separate Craig from his partially disassembled car. You can trust Mike when he is lying to you, especially when it involves him helping to fix your car.

Repair site garage host Ron Meyers, who lives a few blocks from Craig, handed out tools, hydration and encouragement while simultaneously mentoring is grandson, Jackson.

Chuck Kolar was essential to the early disassembly, pizza eating and final problem resolution by providing proper amber bulbs in the front lamps.

Tom Rock and Cylas Sefton proved they were critical support team members who actually know where to get good garage served pizza.

Dan Dick was at his best bringing up the rear. He deftly stripped away the old back bumper mounted turn signals. Eugene Gillingham showed up late, helped finish of many pizza crumbs and trimmed back a fair amount of the old circuit's electrical tape. Peter Hastings virtually recorded the mayhem for historical (hysterical?) record. This sharing of expertise and fellowship resulted in storing another "A" back on the road.

Thanks to all who helped and continue to enjoy the Model A Story started by Henry Ford 95 years ago.

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Email: artlemere12@yahoo.com
Phone: 708-878-8620

Item(s):	Set-Up	Quantity			
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1 Gildan DryBlend 50/50 Polo - embroidered logo included in 1 location	S-XL 2XL	20.75 + \$2.25	19.15 + \$2.25	18.25 + \$2.25	18 + \$2.25
2 Jerzees DriPower 50/50 Pocket Polo - embroidered logo included in 1 location	S-XL 2XL	24 + \$2.25	22.25 + \$2.25	21.5 + \$2.25	21 + \$2.25
3 Gildan Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt - embroidered logo included in 1 location	S-XL 2XL	31 + \$2.50	29.25 + \$2.50	28.5 + \$2.50	28.15 + \$2.50
4 Port Value Full Zip Fleece Jacket - embroidered logo included in 1 location	S-XL 2XL	33.25 + \$2.00	31.75 + \$2.00	31 + \$2.00	30.5 + \$2.00
5 Structured Brushed Cotton Hat - embroidered logo included in 1 location	Adjustable	17.15	15.6	11.75	11.4
6 Gildan Ladies Cut 100% Cotton T-shirt - 2 color screen printed logo included in 1 location - Short sleeves	S-XL 2XL	22.5 + \$2.25	14.6 + \$2.25	11.15 + \$2.25	9.3 + \$2.25
7 Gildan 100% 6.1 oz Cotton T-shirt - 2 color screen printed logo included in 1 location - Short sleeves	S-XL 2XL	21 + \$2.50	13 + \$2.50	9.6 + \$2.50	7.75 + \$2.50
8 Gildan 100% 6.1 oz Cotton Pocket T-shirt - 2 color screen printed logo included in 1 location - Short sleeves	S-XL 2XL	24.75 + \$2.50	17 + \$2.50	13.5 + \$2.50	11.65 + \$2.50

Freight Is Additional

****NOTE: Quote based on repeat logos from 2020. Lines 1-4 can be combined for a quantity break. Lines 6-8 can be combined for a quantity break.**

* - It is understood that an overrun or underrun of not more than 10% to be billed pro-rata, is acceptable by the customer

**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.

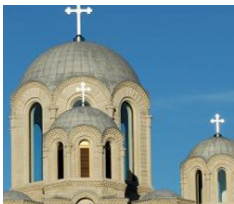
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



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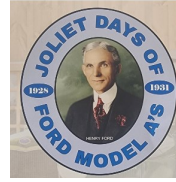
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St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church/Hall
for hosting the HIR Business Meetings

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

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)? _____

Check Visa MasterCard Discover American Express
(circle one)

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