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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

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays spending time with family and friends.

Now that the holidays are over, let's look forward to the new year. The January meeting will be our annual planning meeting, so bring your ideas

for drive-outs, tours, programs and anything else that might be of interest to the club.

If your Model A(s) is(are) enrolled in the MARC Millage Program, send your 2023 mileage report to Warren DeJong now if you haven't already done so.

It's also time to pay dues. Kim will be accepting HIR dues of \$20, and your MARC dues should be paid as well.

We're still looking for a new editor for *The Spokesman*.

Jerry Sund



This Month's Featured Photo



Seftons, Hagbergs & Vargus'
Hammond Holiday Parade



Business Meeting and Other Tidbits from December 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*.

Barb and Wally Hagberg introduced guest/grandson, Grant IV.

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 November 1, 2023, minutes as printed in the December issue of *The Spokesman*. After discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Jerry Sund reported that Irma is suffering from back issues.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported paid membership at 57, and reminded members to pay 2024 dues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OTHER BUSINESS: Laura Hastings asked members to sign up for 2024 meeting refreshments.

Warren DeJong reminded members to email him 2023 mileage.

Art LeMere announced he is still accepting orders for club apparel as there are not yet enough to place a club order.

Jerry Sund announced we are still looking for an editor for the monthly newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: Chuck Kolar reported on both the Cedar Lake and Hammond Holiday parades.

Art LeMere reported on the dive out to Michigan, and that 24 attended.

NEW BUSINESS: Cindy Fort reported that the Polar Bear Dash breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, December 30 at 9:00 am at Andorra Banquet in Schererville. The cost is \$20/person, paid that morning.

Pam Rock reported that details for the Winter Banquet have not yet been formalized.

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

TECH TIME: Chuck Kolar reported that "Old Blue" is running again. Jon Pearson reported that his A is also finally running.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by the Rocks, Hastings and Gills. John Schoop and Jacki Guernsey won the monthly raffle.

PROGRAM: In lieu of a program, the club held its annual pizza party/toy drive.

FINAL COMMENTS: Please think about hosting a drive out in 2024 and come with all your ideas for the January 3 planning meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

Cindy Fort, Secretary

Treasurer's Report			
By Kim Sefton			
INCOME:	EXPENSES:		
Raffle	\$ 53.00	St. Sava	\$ 50.00
Dues	<u>270.00</u>		
	\$133.00		<u>\$ 50.00</u>

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Welcome 2024! Exciting changes are happening at the Model A Museum at Gilmore. And we are still gladly accepting contributions to the expansion as we grow our Model A Museum: Hint hint! (www.maffi.org and then click on Expansion to donate). Part of the Gilmore Auto Museum's mission and the Model A Museum's mission is to expand educational opportunities, so both organizations have their sights set on making the educational piece a part of all new additions.

As well as our upcoming Model A Museum addition, the Gilmore Auto Museum is expanding in several areas too, so our timing at the Model A museum is perfect to join in the growth on the campus. The Gilmore is adding a pavilion with an entertainment stage, a three season building for events, and insulating and repurposing the Carriage House so it can be used for events. With three new event venues, the Gilmore museum realized it also needed to construct a picnic shelter, add restrooms, and upgrade/expand the outdoor food service. All of these changes are driven by the increase in the number of visitors to the museum; afterall, America has long been known as having a love affair with its automobiles! The Gilmore Auto Museum, of which the Model A Museum is a part of, has become a vacation destination for automobile aficionados.

While you're in the New Year's resolution mood, make plans to visit Hickory Corners, Michigan this next year to see all the exciting things happening. The museum changes all the time, so there's always several new learning opportunities, great new exhibits, and fabulous cars to see.

Happy New Year,
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

Let's Celebrate!



- Jan. 1 Herb Southern
- 4 Judy Gill
- 6 Alex Schreier
- 19 Ron Meyers
- 22 Mark Gerrity
- 24 Mike Hawkins
- 25 Karen VanDerAa
- 30 Michael McIntire



- Jan. 31 Ken & Jannette Foley



FELLOWSHIP

- Tino Largura
- Walter Paslawski
- Irma Sund



EDITOR'S CORNER

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

Caroline Stanula and Russell Smiddy

Upcoming Events



ANNUAL CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING



Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Please consider volunteering for a drive-out, program, refreshments, or idea for an HIR outing.

Highland Model A Club Annual Winter Banquet

Saturday, January 13

Andorra Banquets, 1112 US 41, Schererville
5:00 pm Cocktails ~ 6:00 pm Dinner

\$20/person, Hosted by Pam Rock

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

January 17 - 9:00 am

Casa Balbino

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



CLUB DUES DUE

HIR Club Dues ~ \$20.00
(due now)

National Dues ~ \$50.00
(due now)



YEAR END ODOMETER READING



Reminder! Submit your 2023 mileage to Warren DeJong as soon as possible.

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.

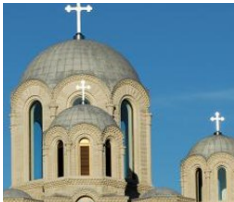
You need not own a Model A Ford to join or participate at any HIR Club sponsored event. All are welcome!



2024 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: OPEN
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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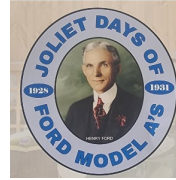
Special thanks to St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church/Hall for hosting the HIR Business Meetings

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 Highland, IN 46322

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)? _____

Check Visa MasterCard Discover American Express (circle one)

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CCV (3-Digit Code) _____ (mm/yy) (back of card)

