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LOCAL HIR DUES ARE \$20.00.

**NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS A
REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION.**

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.**

Director's Message

I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE WINTER BANQUET. I HEARD ATTENDANCE WAS LOW THIS YEAR. IRMA AND I WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEAR SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. MAYBE NEXT YEAR WE CAN GET A LITTLE MORE PARTICIPATION. OUR THANKS TO PAM FOR SETTING THIS UP FOR US.

FOR THE FEBRUARY PROGRAM, DAN DIECK WILL BE GIVING A SEMINAR ON HUBLEY CARS. THIS WILL BE IN PREPARATION FOR THE MARCH MEETING PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE ACTUAL HUBLEY RACING.

WE HAVE THREE MARC EVENTS COMING UP THIS YEAR; THE MEMBERSHIP MEET IN JOLIET APRIL 4-7, THE NATIONAL TOUR IN BERLIN, OH MAY 21-23, AND THE NATIONAL MEET IN ASHEVILLE, NC JULY 15-18. ARE YOUR MODEL A'S READY TO GO? MAKE SURE YOUR MARC MEMBERSHIP IS UP TO DATE AND ALSO READY TO GO.

IF YOU PLAN ON DRIVING YOUR MODEL A TO ANY OR ALL OF THESE MEETS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CHECK OUT YOUR CAR AT THE CAR INSPECTION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, AT WALLY HAGBERG'S SHOP FROM 8AM TILL NOON. RUMOR HAS IT THAT THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND DONUTS THERE!



**THIS MONTH'S
FEATURED PHOTO:**

FROM

DANA VANDEWATER

POLAR  **BEAR
BREAKFAST**



BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2024



THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MIKE HIGGINS, WHO ALSO 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. SEE REPORT BELOW.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: CINDY FORT PRESENTED THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 6, 2023 MEETING AS PRINTED IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE SPOKESMAN. AFTER DISCUSSION THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

FELLOWSHIP: MIKE HIGGINS REPORTED THAT IRMA SUND WAS HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL RECOVERING.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: KIM REPORTED THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY 57 MEMBERSHIPS AND REQUESTED THOSE WHO HAD NOT PAID DUES TO PAY THEM ASAP. THERE WERE 27 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CURRENT MEETING.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS: NO REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS: THE CLUB IS STILL LOOKING FOR A PERSON TO TAKE OVER THE SPOKESMAN. CONTACT JERRY IF INTERESTED.

PAM ROCK REPORTED ON THE WINTER BANQUET TO BE HELD JANUARY 13 AT ANDORA HALL ON ROUTE 41 IN SCHERERVILLE. COCKTAILS AT 5 AND DINNER AT 6. THERE ARE 32 SIGNED UP AS OF THIS DATE.

CINDY FORT REPORTED ON THE POLAR BEAR BREAKFAST. THERE WERE 11 MODEL A CARS DRIVEN WITH THE DRIVERS BEING AWARDED A POLAR BEAR ORNAMENT.

NEW BUSINESS: BARB HAGBERG HAS ORGANIZED A TEA FOR THE LADIES TO BE HELD AT THE MERRILLVILLE TEA ROOM ON JANUARY 19TH AT 11 AM. THE RESERVATION IS LIMITED TO 14. PLEASE RSVP TO BARB AND WEAR A HAT AND PEARLS.

TECH TIME: DAVE SHIVALEC REPORTED THAT HIS 3 YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER BROKE OFF HIS HORN AND LIGHT SWITCH.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: REFRESHMENTS WERE SUPPLIED BY CINDY AND MIKE HIGGINS. RAFFLE WINNERS WERE TERRI DIECK AND SUSAN CRABTREE TIMMONS.

PROGRAM: PROGRAM WAS COMPLETING THE CALENDAR FOR 2024.

FINAL COMMENTS: WE STILL NEED A PROGRAM DURING THE MEETINGS FOR AUGUST AND OCTOBER, AND A FALL TOUR DIRECTOR.....PLEASE THINK ABOUT FILLING THESE SPOTS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE DAN DIECK ON GETTING YOUR HUBLEY READY TO RACE.

REFRESHMENTS NEXT MONTH WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE DIECKS, WRIGHTS AND VANDERAAS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:51 PM.

SUBMITTED BY: CINDY FORT, SECRETARY

TREASURER'S REPORT			
BY KIM SEFTON			
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
DUES	\$ 180.00	ST. SAVA	\$ 50.00
RAFFLE	50.00	BANQUET CAKE	24.99
		BANQUET DÉCOR	196.83
		BANQUET FOOD	469.06
TOTAL;	\$230.00		\$740.88

For Sale/Want Ad's

1929 CABRIOLET FOR SALE: 4 SPEED TRANSMISSION, NEW TIRES AND MOTOR, WATER RECLAMATION, HEAVY DUTY RADIATOR \$23,800. JIM McNABNEY #219-924-5070.

MODEL 'A' PARTS: ART'S 'A' PARTS, ANTIQUE CAR PARTS LED TAIL LIGHTS, LED THIRD BRAKE/DIRECTIONAL LIGHTS, HALOGEN HEADLIGHT BULBS AND OTHER 'A' PARTS. ART LEMERE #708-878-6620 OR ARTLEMERE12@YAHOO.COM.



Annual Banquet

WINTER BANQUET



On a snowy and bitter cold evening twenty-nine members attended the club's winter banquet at Andora Banquet Hall in Schererville. Thanks to Pam Rock, the tables were decorated with live floral arrangements and highlighted with pink napkins folded into fancy fan shapes.

Craig Hanson supplied the dinner music for the evening. Judy Gill gave the invocation before a delicious family-style meal was provided. While there was no official program the comfortable setting allowed the guests to mingle amongst the tables and visit. Of course, car talk was one of the topics the men were overheard having with each other. Attire ranged from casual to dressy but only 2 members arrived in Model A Style. Susan Crabtree-Timmons (pictured) wore a "fun fashion" dress she had altered to resemble the era style. Good job Susan and thank you for your effort in maintaining the fashion image. Tom Rock 'rocked' his casual attire wearing reproduction era fashion.



Winners of the centerpieces as picture left to right; Cindy Fort, Joy Kolar, Susan Crabtree-Timmons, Nick Leep, Pam Rock, and Karen VanDerAa. Thank you everyone who attended and made the night so enjoyable. Also, a big thank you to Pam and Tom Rock for undertaking this event. Mark your calendar for next year's banquet with a tentative date of January 18, 2025.

WITH DEEPEST sympathy

Howard A. DeYoung

Howard A. DeYoung, age 88, of Crete, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 25, 2023. Husband of Cornelia (Connie Beeze) DeYoung and the late Betty Jean DeYoung (nee Aggen). Father and step-father of seven, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In his early career, Howard was in the wholesale egg business. Thereafter, he owned and operated Elys Traveltown, which provided accessories for trucks, from which he retired.

Knowledgeable with both the Model A and Model T brass era (1915 and earlier), Howard joined the HIR in October 1980 with Ed Magerl and Dave Wright after attending an event at the Lansing Hangar, with Ralph Flood. At the time, Howard didn't own a car but subsequently purchased a 31 coupe. Howard was skilled and knowledgeable with the Model A and with his neighbor Dave Wright, performed a few total restorations.

Howard was a member of the South Holland First Reformed Church then later Faith Church in Dyer. He was a member of the HIR and Illinois Brass Touring Club, having owned two 1912s and a 1915 (now owned by the Gills).

The HIR wishes to thank Dave Wright for this bio of Howard, and wish to extend its condolences to the DeYoung family.

Dedric J. Stonerock

Dedric James "D.J." Stonerock, age 65, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pamela Stonerock (nee Arvia); daughter Casey Jean; siblings Donald Jr. "Stony" (Nancy) and Sheila (Glen) Scott; adopted brothers Michael (Tina) Barnhart and James (Jane) Candell, and many nieces and nephews.

D.J. was generous with his time and always willing to lend his skills, which were many, to any problem you couldn't solve. He was a skilled woodworker and welder, a prolific photographer, a terrific griller and fastidious groundskeeper. D.J. retired after many years at Cardwell-Westinghouse, last working in its Research and Development Department. He enjoyed spending time at his farm in Culver, IN. After winning awards as a go-kart racer and builder in his younger days, he turned his attention to classic cars, joining the Highland, Ind. Region of the Model A Restorers Club. He was an avid supporter of Special Olympics. He was a past Master of Harvey Masonic Lodge #832 and a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion, Thornton Squadron No. 1070.

A humble man, D.J. requested no services be held but instead donations to the Illinois Special Olympics. The HIR extends its condolences to the Stonerock family.

Let's Celebrate!



FEBRUARY

- 2ND RUSS GOUWENS
- 11TH JOHN SAILOR
- 16TH DAN DIECK



ANNIVERSARY'S

- 2ND ART & MARSHA LEMERE
- 24TH CHUCK & JOY KOLAR



FELLOWSHIP

Irma Sund

Stonerock Family

DeYoung Family

Ed Magerl



EDITOR'S CORNER

THE SPOKESMAN WILL NOW BE A COLLABORATION OF CAROLINE STANULA AND JOY KOLAR. WE ARE WORKING OUT THE LOGISTICS OF IT AND HOW WE WILL PROCEED. AS OF NOW THE ONLY CHANGES ARE THAT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT, TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESIDENTS MESSAGE SHOULD BE SENT TO JOY.

ROAD TRIPS ARE NOT ABOUT ANYWHERE YOU'LL GO, THEY'RE ABOUT GOING ANYWHERE.

Looking 'A'head

February Business Meeting Info

Bring your Hubby to the "Hubby Garage". Dan Dieck will be the master mechanic on duty to help with the work. Also anyone who has a car for sale bring it to the meeting.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 21 - 9:00 AM



CASA BALBINO (FORMERLY NORTH STREET DINER)

MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE



The Gilmore Auto Museum, the site of the Model A Museum, is open year around and at this time of year the museum has Sunday afternoon lectures at 2 pm. The website has a complete listing, but one that I found enticing is on February 4, "How to Buy and Sell Collector Cars".

However, if a trip to Hickory Corners, Michigan isn't in your January/February travel plans, you can still indulge in Model A hobby fun by visiting or re-visiting the maffi.org website. The website has 4 live streaming cameras to view the museum from your armchair. And, if you click the Media button, you can hear the audio recordings of original records developed in the Model A Era for salesmen's use in training and customer sales. They're fun to listen to!

If you're more of a visual person, there's a MAFFI You Tube site, also accessible from the website as well as Paul Shinn, the Model A Guy's You Tube site, accessible from the website.

And let's not forget the upcoming Valentine's Day. You do have a Model A that is your sweetheart don't you? Why not honor her (or him) with her/his picture at the Model A museum next to your name by getting involved in the "My A" program. It features a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing your vehicle, your name, your home area, and your vehicle body style. Details can be found under "expansion" on the maffi.org website.

And, as a bit of fun trivia let me leave you with this tidbit. One hundred and ten years ago, on Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford implemented a \$5 per day wage for his workers. But, workers soon found out they wouldn't immediately get the \$5 per day. Workers still made \$2.30 and were given a \$2.70 bonus if they followed all of the company's requirements. Here's how workers would be eligible:

- abstain from alcohol
- not physically abusive toward their families
- not take in boarders
- keep homes clean
- contribute to a savings account

from www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/henry-ford-implements-5-per-day-wage-this-day-in-history/.

A few of those requirements wouldn't be a bad deal today to require, would they!! Happy Valentine's Day Model A Hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Trustee

2024 MASTER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2024						
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7 - BUSINESS MEETING (DAN DIECK)
21 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST

AUGUST 2024						
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7 - BUSINESS MEETING
10 - DRIVE OUT GLADIOLAS FEST MOMENCE (FOLEY)
17 - DRIVE OUT SHRINER GROUNDS MICHIGAN CITY (SHIVALEC)
21 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST

MARCH 2024						
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6 - BUSINESS MEETING (HUBBLY)
17 - CROWN POINT ST. PATRICK'S DAY LIGHTED PARADE
20 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
23 - SAFETY INSPECTION (HAGBERG)

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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2 - MALDEN LABOR DAY PARADE
4 - BUSINESS MEETING (PARTS AUCTION)
19-22 - MODEL A DAY, GILMORE
18 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
28 - SUNSET HILLS FEST (HASTINGS)

APRIL 2024						
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3 - BUSINESS MEETING (JEOPARDY!)
4-7 JOLIET MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET
17 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
?? GONE WITH THE WIND MOVIE

OCTOBER 2024						
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2 - BUSINESS MEETING
5 - NEWPORT HILL CLIMB
16 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
?? DRIVE OUT / GILLS

MAY 2024						
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1 - BUSINESS MEETING (BAKE AUCTION)
15 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
21 - 23 MARC NATIONAL TOUR
25 - COBE CUP
27 - SOUTH HOLLAND PARADE
?? NORTH JUDSON
?? LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2024						
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6 - BUSINESS MEETING (GILL)
9 - HAMMOND VETERANS DAY PARADE
20 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
23 - CEDAR LAKE LIGHT PARADE

JUNE 2024						
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2 - MODEL A DAY (CLINTON, WIS.)
5 - BUSINESS MEETING (SWAP MEET)
19 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
?? MT AYRE CAR SHOW
?? TACO / CAR CRUISE
?? DRIVE OUT DIXIE / DAN DIECK??

DECEMBER 2024						
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4 - BUSINESS MEETING / TOYS FOR TOTS
7 - HAMMOND HOLIDAY PARADE
18 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
31 - POLAR BEAR DASH
?? WHITING PARADE??

JULY 2024						
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3 - BUSINESS MEETING (ROCK)
4 - WHITING JULY 4 PARADE
13 - HIR PICNIC
15-18 MARC MEET
17 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
26 - PIEROGI FEST PARADE, WHITING
30-AUG 4 MARC NATIONAL MEET

THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR RREAKFAST



620 E. NORTH STREET
CROWN POINT SQUARE
9:00 AM

It's a Tea Party...



On January 19th, a Tea Party was hosted by Barb Hagberg for the Model A ladies. The event took place at the Merrillville Florist & Tea Room, setting the perfect backdrop for an afternoon of elegance and camaraderie.



At Barb's request, the ladies arrived at the Tea Room adorned in festive hats and pearl necklaces, adding a touch of glamour to the occasion. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and the warmth of friendship as they gathered to enjoy a delicious luncheon.

The tables were exquisitely set, featuring a diverse collection of tea pots and cups that added to the charm of the event. What made the occasion even more magical was the beautiful holiday decor that adorned every corner of the restaurant. With over 30 beautifully decorated trees and other festive elements, it was a visual feast for the senses.



As the ladies explored the various rooms of the restaurant, they discovered a treasure trove of fascinating details. Antique dishes, vintage hats, and other collectibles graced the antique cabinetry, creating a nostalgic ambiance that added to the event.

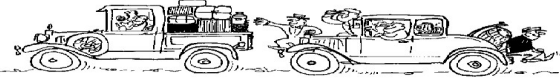
In every nook and cranny, there was something intriguing to see, making it a memorable Tea Party that will be remembered by all who attended.



**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, WALLY HAGBERG, CHUCK KOLAR, DAVE WRIGHT
BROCHURE:	CRAIG HANSON, KEN FOLEY, CINDY FORT, TOM ROCK, JERRY SUND
EVENTS/PARADES:	CY SEFTON
FALL TOUR:	TBD
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:	JOY KOLAR
NOMINATING:	APPOINTED ANNUALLY IN AUGUST
PICNIC:	KEN FOLEY, IRMA SUND AND CY SEFTON
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WINTER BANQUET:	PAM ROCK

NATIONAL EVENTS

2024 MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET
APRIL 4 / 7
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

2024 MARC NATIONAL TOUR
MAY 21 / 23
BERLIN, OHIO
HOSTED BY: MODEL A DRIVERS OF EAST CENTRAL OHIO, OAKLEAF REGION OF MICHIGAN AND SCIOTO CENTRAL OHIO REGION

2024 MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
JUNE 23 / 29
RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO

2024 MARC NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 15 / 18
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

2025 MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR
JUNE 16 / 22



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

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

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With your membership you will receive a bi-monthly copy of the Model A News magazine published by MARC.

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