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**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

Our March meeting will be short so we can get the Hubley race going. Do you have your Hubley cars ready to go?

The Crown Point St. Patrick's Day Lighted Parade is coming up on Sunday, March 17. Do you have your Model A's ready to go?



As I look forward to spring and the beginning of the Model A driving season, I realize how fast the winter maintenance and repair season is ending. I still have a lot of work to do on my Model A so I guess I better get going! I hope to have it ready in time to take it to the inspection at Wally Hagberg's shop on Saturday, March 23.

I'm also looking forward to the 2024 MARC Membership Meeting in Joliet, IL. The meet begins Thursday, April 4th with a Rialto Theater Tour and Organ Concert. The Welcome Party Friday evening is going to be in the Beller Museum. They will also have a Model A Inspection Day at the Joliet Junior College Auto Shop on Saturday. This meet is a short drive for your Model A's and a great time to check out the Rialto Theater, The Beller Museum, and the college auto tech shop, all of which are awesome.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PHOTO:

Marsha LaMere, Ken & Jeannette Foley dressed in character for the Murder Mystery weekend tour in Michigan.



BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2024



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.

MINUTES: Cindy Fort presented the January 3, 2024 minutes as printed in the February issue of The Spokesman. After discussion the minutes were approved as presented. Jerry brought up that donations made to the Lake County Agriculture Society and the NIHPA were voted on and passed but were not reflected in the minutes. Donations were \$200 each. Checks were issued to both organizations.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Kim Sefton reported on recent income and expenditures. After discussion the treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Jerry Sund reported that Irma is recuperating from multiple compression fractures and is wearing a back brace. Jerry also reported that Walter Paslawski may be back to attending meetings but still wants to sell his car.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim Sefton reported paid membership is at 42, with 34 members in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS: Dan Dieck announced that the Calumet Club will again be holding it Soup Kitchen on April 14. They have asked our club to bring the Hubley Track for the event.

Jerry announced that programs are still needed for August and October. Ken Foley will not be hosting the August drive out to the Gladiola Fest; it will be Glenn VanDerAa. Jerry said the club renewal form has been mailed out and he has formed an audit committee that will include Peter Hastings.

Mike Higgins announced that he 2024 roster books for anyone who has not received them.

The Spokesman will now be a joint effort with Carline and Joy working together on it. Send them articles & pictures.

Tom Rock reported on the Winter Banquet. Wally reported on the Ladies Tea and passed out pictures that Barb had sent with him.

Laura Hastings reported that she needs volunteers to bring refreshments for the months of July, August, September, October and December. Please contact her to volunteer.

Roger Gill informed the members that the 2024 Gamarai is going to be September 16/20th traveling to Central Iowa. See him for more details on registration.

Tom Rock talked about Model A Day at the Illinois Elementary School on May 10.

The club is registered for the Crown Point St Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17th per parade chairman Cy Sefton.

Mike Higgins asked if there was any interest in touring the Subaru plant in West Lafayette. The members were in agreement so Mike will look into it.

TECH TIME: none

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were provided by Dieck, Wright, and VanderAa. Nick Leep and Mark Gerrity won the monthly raffle. Next month volunteers for refreshments are Guernsey, Kuiper and Rock.

PROGRAM: Dan Dieck and Peter Hastings gave a program on Hubley information.

FINAL REMARKS: Jerry reminded everyone to bring their Hubley cars to the next meeting.

Cindy Fort, Secretary



TREASURER’S REPORT			
BY KIM SEFTON			
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
DUES	\$ 100.00	ST. SAVA	\$ 50.00
RAFFLE	69.00		
TOTAL			\$50.00

For Sale/Wanted Ad’s



MODEL A PARTS: ART’S ‘A’ PARTS, ANTIQUE CAR PARTS. LED TILL LIGHTS, LED THIRD BRAKE/DIRECTIONAL LIGHTS, HALOGEN HEADLINE BULBS AND OTHER ‘A’ PARTS. ART LEMERE @ 708-878-6620 OR ARTLEMER12@YAHOO.COM

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

The Hubley Model 'A' Garage

Master Mechanic Daniel Dieck on Duty



At our last club meeting I presented an overview of the Hubley Derby.

This has become an extension of the Model A hobby as a whole. We looked at the history of the Hubley Company, how to build a Hubley, and different tips to make your car run fast. We also talked about various problems that are encountered when building the car and how to solve them.

5 Important Tips for Tuning up Your Hubley

- Make sure your car is tracking straight
- Use graphite
- Secure tie rod screws
- Use thread lock on axle screws
- Car weight 1#5oz maximum weight

At the end of the presentation an auction was held to sell several cars that hopefully will be used in the next race.

That race will be held at our next club meeting in March. We are looking forward to as many participants and cars as possible. Remember, this is an open invitation to bring a child, grandchild or friend. We want to share our hobby with others.

Also, we have been asked to bring the track to the Calumet Region Soup Lunch, so get those cars ready to go. It's racing season!

Still cruising,

Danny

Let's Celebrate!



MARCH

- 2ND PAM ROCK
- 7TH MIKE HIGGINS
- 17TH TINO LARGURA
- 21ST JACKI GUERNSEY
- 25TH MIMI BORJAN



ANNIVERSARY'S

- 17TH TINO & MARIFE LARGURA
- 29TH WARREN & SUSAN DEJONG



FELLOWSHIP

- Irma Sund
- Ed Magerl



EDITOR'S CORNER

As Caroline and I continue to work out the time line in this partnership I have a few requests. Please submit items you would like in the next newsletter as soon as possible after the monthly meeting and before the 20th of the month. Please submit photo's for the picture of the month and pictures of youth with your car.

Any constructive suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Looking 'A'head

March Business Meeting Info

Bring your Hubley to the "Hubley Race". Dan Dieck will be bringing the Hubley Track for an exciting night of racing. Good luck to all the racers.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

MARCH 20TH - 9:00 AM

CASA BALBINO (FORMERLY NORTH STREET DINER)



MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTES

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located.

And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly.
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadwork thiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters! As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.

Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary

2024 MASTER CALENDAR

7 - BUSINESS MEETING
21 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST

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

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

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2 - MALDEN LABOR DAY PARADE
4 - BUSINESS MEETING (PARTS AUCTION)
16-20 GAMARAI TOUR IOWA
19-22 MODEL A DAY, GILMORE
18 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
28 - SUNSET HILLS FEST (HASTINGS)

3 - BUSINESS MEETING (JEOPARDY!)
4-6 - JOLIET MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET
14 - CALUMET REGION SOUP DAY BEECHER AMVETS HALL
17 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST

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2 - BUSINESS MEETING
5 - NEWPORT HILL CLIMB
16 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST

1 - BUSINESS MEETING (BAKE AUCTION)
10 - DRIVE OUT TO NO JUDSON SCHOOL
15 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
21 - 23 MARC NATIONAL TOUR
25 - COBE CUP, LC FAIRGROUNDS
27 - SOUTH HOLLAND PARADE

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

2 - MODEL A DAY (CLINTON, Wis.)
5 - BUSINESS MEETING (SWAP MEET)
19 - MONTHLY BREAKFAST
23-29 MAFCA MEET
?? MT AYRE CAR SHOW
?? TACO NIGHT & CAR SHOW

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR RREAKFAST

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

JULY 2024						
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620 E. NORTH STREET
CROWN POINT SQUARE
9:00 AM

CALUMET REGION SOUP DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost \$15.00 per person

\$10.00 age 6-12

5 and under are Free

CASH ONLY

- Raffle Prizes 6 for \$5.00
- Hubley Derby \$3.00 per car

Beecher Amvets Hall

532 Gould St

Beecher, IL

MARCH.

*Weary are we of our winter-time fare;
Hasten, O Springtime, elusive and arch!
Bring us your dainties; our cupboards are bare!
Pity us, starved by tyrannical March!*



Kid's Korner



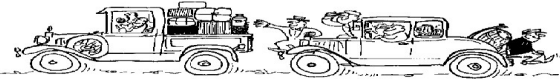
Desmond Pierson is shown here 'learning' how to install turn lights on his grandpas' car. Jerry LeMere is the instructor for this installation. Grandpa said Desmond asked many questions and kept Jerry on his toes. Desmond is the grandson of members Ed and Linda Javorka.

Please submit pictures you wish to share of a future Model 'A' youth learning about the hobby. The hope to have a picture in every edition of the Spokesman.

**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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RAFFLE:	CRAIG HANSEN
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WINTER BANQUET:	PAM ROCK

NATIONAL EVENTS

2024 MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET
APRIL 4 / 7
JOLIET, ILLINOIS
HOSTED BY: JOLIET REGION

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 OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

Application for Membership

21 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

2024 Membership Dues: \$50.00

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

Name (print): _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____