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BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT 7:00 P.M. AT

**ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX HALL
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MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA.**

President's Message

The 2024 MARC Membership Meet in Joliet, IL, was enjoyed by those of us who attended the meet, especially Cindy Fort who won the 50/50 cash drawing.

A number of Highland Region members drove south on Monday, April 8th, to see the total eclipse of the sun. Irma and I, Tom Wojtan, Peter & Laura Hastings and Keith & Karen Foor spent several hours in the Tipton, IN, Ford Dealership front lot where we viewed the total eclipse. We had a very good view of the eclipse and enjoyed the experience. I heard that other club members traveled to several other places as well.

The Calumet Region Soup Day on Sunday, April 14, was attended by many of our club members, some of whom raced their Hubley Derby cars. The race was run by our own Dan Dieck and Mike Higgins won the race. Keeping up with club luck, Chuck Kolar won the 50/50 cash drawing.

The month of May is 'Model A Youth Month', so we will be visiting two schools, North Judson and Lake Central. May also brings us to the 2024 MARC National Tour to Berlin Ohio. I'm looking forward to all three events.

The program for May is the Bake Sale Auction. I'm looking forward to that also.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PHOTO:

Jacki and Gene Guernsey are having fun on a self guided tour at the Joliet Membership Meet.

Thank you Cindy Fort for the picture.



Minutes From The Business Meeting



The meeting for **April 3, 2024**, was called to order at 7:01 pm by President, Jerry Sund. Vice President Mike Higgins led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS: Herb Southern introduced his guest Marcia Fowler Visiting from New York and Dave Shivalec introduced new member Noah Back who owns a 1931 coupe.

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Cindy Fort presented the minutes from the previous meeting as printed in the April issue of the Spokesman. After discussion the minutes were approved as printed.

FELLOWSHIP: Jerry reported that Irma is at the meeting and wearing a back brace. Tom Rock reported that Pam rolled her ankle and is wearing a boot. Laura Hastings announced the birth of their second granddaughter on St Patrick’s Day.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kim reported that there are currently 50 memberships. There were 44 members in attendance for the current meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS: Reminder about the Marc Membership Meet in Joliet this weekend and the Calumet Club “Souper” Bowl on Sunday April 14th. Take your Hubley cars to race.

OLD BUSINESS: There were 5 cars that participated in the Crown Point St Patrick’s Parade. Wally thanked all who helped out at the car inspection and that 13 cars were looked at. Laura announced that she still needs volunteers for refreshments in August. Dan Dieck reminded the group that we are registered for the South Holland Memorial Day Parade and that it is a paid event. The club brochure is in its final stages of completion. Art announced that he brought samples of the shirts and will be taking orders.

NEW BUSINESS: Roger Gill gave an update on information regarding the GAMARI trip. See him for more details. Discussion regarding another Hubley race at the October meeting was held and approved. Discussion and motion were carried to place and order for \$250 worth of club shirts/hats to have on hand at meetings. Jerry announced that

Joy was stepping down as MARC Correspondent and asked for a volunteer to take over. Tom Rock accepted the new responsibility. Ron Kuiper announced Cars & Coffee at the Crown Point High School on Saturday May 11 from 8 till noon. Dan Dieck asked if the club would be interested in going back to Pullman for their Railroad Days on June 1. Dan will proceed with planning the drive out.

TECH TIME: Warren DeJong passed out the MARC Mileage Awards for 2023 to the following: Jerry Sund 50,000miles, Ed Javorka 5,000, Mike Higgins 10,000, Tom Rock 10,000, Jon Pearson 20,000, Dan Dieck 20,000, Glen VanDerAa 2,000, Warren DeJong 2,000.

REFRESHMENTS/RAFFLE: Refreshments were supplied by DeJong, Schopp, and Hastings. Raffle winners were Karen VanDerAa and Jerry Sund.

PROGRAM: Ed Magerl and Dave Wright put on their version of Jeopardy. Winners of the game was Table 4 with 22 pieces of candy: Mike Higgins, Chuck and Joy Kolar, Jacki and Gene Guernsey, and Tom Wojtan.

FINAL COMMENTS: Bake Sale next meeting; don’t forget to bake!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Cindy Fort, Secretary

TREASURER’S REPORT			
	INCOME		EXPENSES
DUES	\$ 60.00	ST. SAVA	\$ 50.00
RAFFLE	\$ 68.00		
TOTAL	\$128.00		\$50.00

For Sale / Want 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

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Car Inspection Day



At



Wally's Shop

Thirteen Model A's showed up for the annual car inspection at Wally Hagberg's to get 'checked out'.

Volunteers check fluids, tire pressure, lights and horns, alignment, cotter pins and other vital points.

Reports were that there was not any major findings at the inspection.

Thanks go out for all who helped make this such a success.

Special thanks to Wally for hosting this once again and furnishing coffee and donuts for the event.



The men in shop coats 'wielding' tools are from left to right; Tom Rock with a grease gun, Chuck Kolar with a lug wrench, Dave Wright ready to jump on his creeper, Dan Dieck holding an oil can, Warren DeJong holding a wrench, and Roger Gill ready to crank start a car.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

- 3rd Barb Magerl
- 17th Cheryl Sailor
- 18th Wally Hagberg
- 25th Art LeMere
- 28th Kin Porter



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th Olan & Rose Smith
- 14th Russ & Sherry Gouwens

FELLOWSHIP



- Irma Sund
- Pam Rock

CONGRATULATIONS NEW GRANDPARENTS!

Peter & Laura Hastings



EDITOR'S CORNER

Another exciting summer is on the way! We are hoping to get lots of pictures this touring season so be sure to submit your pics (either email [preferable] or text) so we may feature them in upcoming issues!

If you feel like sending us a blurb about a drive out or other outing, please do! We appreciate ALL contributions!

Caroline & Joy

Looking 'A'head

May Business Meeting Info

Cake, Pie & Cookie Auction



Join us for the annual cake and cookie auction. This is the icing on the cake of all HIR fundraisers! Bring your baked goods and cash.

North Judson School

May 10th

Henry Ford Day



MONTHLY BREAKFAST

MAY 15TH - 9:00 AM



CASA BALBINO (FORMERLY NORTH STREET DINER)

Lake Central High School

Model A Day

Friday, May 17

Southlake Christian Church

CAR SHOW

Saturday, May 18



Drivin the Dixie

Rain or Shine June 22nd, 2024

Begins at 8:30 in Markham, IL with a pancake breakfast; ends approximately 3:30pm in historic St Anne, IL

Cobe  Cup

Saturday, May 25



South Holland Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27

Era Clothing In Asheville

The theme for Asheville is “The 1930’s: Creativity, Reinvention, and Repurposing”. The Asheville Committee would like everyone to wear clothing that represents the era during the convention. While I don’t expect anyone to wear vintage clothing for the week you can dress in fun fashion or reproduction clothing. The picture shows era fashion dresses with uneven hemlines in a body skimming silhouette. I have seen similar dresses on the rack for summer, maybe not quite as elaborate; but with the uneven hem and vee or jewel necklines. Look thru your closets and see if you have anything you can alter to represent the era. You can make a pair of knickers by cutting off long pants, gathering the bottom and adding a cuff. If all you have is a hat wear it. Remember if you are having fun that’s all that counts.

**Ladies...look at the most recent MARC Magazine and read The Fashion Article.....lots of good information on ‘Fun Fashion’.



WITH
sympathy

Gerald Arthur Ronneau

Dr. Gerald “Jerry“ or “Doc” Ronneau, of Valparaiso, passed away early on March 27th, at the age of 87. Born on Flag Day in 1936 on the south side of Chicago, Jerry moved to his adopted hometown of Valpo as a young boy with his sister Sharon, brother Jack, his mother, Genevieve Tuton, and his father, Arthur Ronneau, who founded Gary-Hobart Roofing Supply. The school friends he made from Cooks Corners and Valparaiso High School became lifelong friends. In his final years, he thought and talked of little else but them and his family. After spending most of his teen years drag racing down Lincolnway and after a brief, but eye-opening journey to Montana to work on the railroads, he studied medicine. He became a popular doctor, setting up his first practice in Chesterton before relocating to Valpo. He was a man of highly eclectic interests including Irish set dancing, carpentry, collecting Americana, restoring Ford Model As, working on computers, history, photography and philosophy. Of all his interests though, none was more beloved than simply sitting and chatting and getting to know people more. His interests were varied, his curiosity unending and his love for his friends and family was strong and unending. He was a member of the First Unitarian Church of Hobart for over 40 years, the Model T Restoration Club of Northwest Indiana and the Indiana Medical Association for over 50 years. Jerry was also a member of the Porter County Museum and loved collecting antiques. Jerry is survived by his daughter, Carrie Ronneau, and her son Aedan; his son, Jesse Ronneau, and his wife, Melissa; and his brother, Jack Ronneau, and his wife Carol. Jerry's firstborn son, Evan Ronneau, sadly passed away in 2021. Jerry's sister, Sharon Douglas, sadly passed in 2018. Jerry wished to have no memorial service. However, a celebration of his life will be held in June. Please go to doronneaucelebration@gmail.com for more details. In place of flowers, the family would welcome any donation to Valpo Old Time Dance, Assisting Seniors or Doctors without Borders.

TO RAILWAY STATION

June Drive to Pullman Railroad Days

We have once again been invited to Pullman Railroad Days. Our June drive-out will be Saturday June 1, where we will be going to Pullman. We will be able to view 3 different train cars, all privately owned. The first one is the 1950 Pullman Sleeper-Observation Blue Ridge Club, the 2nd is a 1934 Sleeper-Lounge Dover Harbor, and the 3rd is a 1957 Art Deco Beauty Hollywood Beach. As usual there will be tours, food, music, and fun. Details will be given at our May meeting, sign-up then. Dan Dieck



Highland Club had 30 members attending the Calumet Soup Day. What a turn out!

Kid's KORNER



Piper Gross is shown with her Grandpa Wally Healy at the Calumet Region Soup Day.

Piper was very interested in the Hubley Car her Grandpa is holding. Hopefully, Piper will be the new generation of Model A Drivers (15+ years from now).

MAFFI Minute



MAFFI has paired with a company that provides a variety of Model A products that can be customized! to your Model A/

year. Or if you prefer, the merchandise can have the MAFFI logo on it. You can buy t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, aprons, and hats to wear. Or, if your home or shop need some Model A décor you can buy wall art or a clock and more . . .

The company that we partnered with takes the orders online with credit cards and ships your custom order to your home. MAFFI gets 10% of the proceeds from each sale, so you are helping the museum every time you shop and getting great products.

It's easy: go to the MAFFI.org website, click on Store and you will be rerouted to the ModelAtshirt store. **It is important to shop by going through the MAFFI website though.** It's the only way our partner knows to give us 10% of the sale. If you go directly to the ModelAtshirt website, staff don't know you are a MAFFI customer and you pay the same price, but the museum doesn't get anything.

We know not everyone can get to Hickory Corners, MI to buy Model A merchandise; now you can shop Model A items 24/7 year around! And with Mother's and Father's Day around the corner, we've just made shopping a bit easier for the Model A enthusiasts in your life.

The accompanying pictures are some of my purchases; I guess you know what I drive for a Model A!
Cindy Ellenbecker, Trustee/Secretary for MAFFI



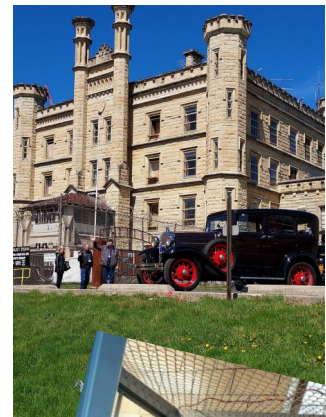
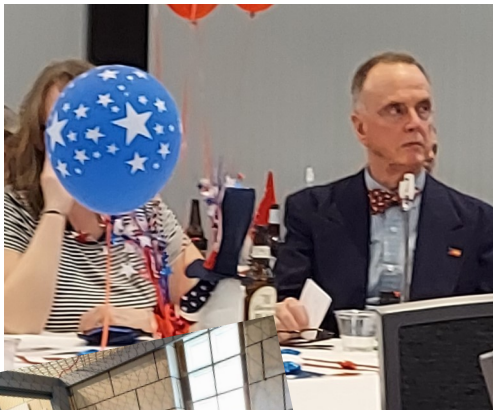
Ron Kuiper will have more information at the May Meeting.

Report on the Joliet Membership Meet

I am very proud to report that our club had 25 members attend the Joliet Membership Meet. Some of our members toured the Joliet area while others attended seminars. The Welcome Party at the Beller museum was well attended by our club as well as the final Banquet. Evenings found most of the group assembling in the lobby to wind down from busy days.



Some fun pictures of our members at the meet.



Who is that behind the ballon?
What are Tom and Ed searching the garbage for?
Looks like Cindy and Mike are in Jail!



2024 MASTER CALENDAR

***Indicates refreshments for the meeting

- 7 - Business Meeting
- 21 - Monthly Breakfast

FEBRUARY 2024						
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- 7 - Business Meeting
- 9/10 - Amana Colonies Tour Iowa
- 10 - Drive Out Gladiolas Fest Mommence II (Vandera A)
- 17 - Drive Out Shriner Grounds Michigan City (Shivalec)
- 21 - Monthly Breakfast
****DeJong, Kolar

- 6 - Business Meeting (Tom Rock)
- 17 - Crown Point St. Patrick's Day Lighted Parade
- 20 - Monthly Breakfast
- 23 - Safety Inspection (Hagberg)

***Rock, Guernsey, Hansen

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- 2 - Malden Labor Day Parade
- 4 - Business Meeting (Parts Auction)
- 16/20 - GAMARI Tour Iowa (Gill)
- 19/22 - Model A Day, Gilmore
- 18 - Monthly Breakfast
- 28 - Sunset Hills Fest (Hastings)
****Kuiper, Sefton

- 3 - Business Meeting (Jeopardy!)
 - 4/7 - Joliet MARC Membership Meet
 - 14 - Soup Day/Calumet Region
 - 17 - Monthly Breakfast
- ***DeJong, Schopp, Hansen

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- 2 - Business Meeting (Hubley Car Race)
- 5 - Newport Hill Climb
- 16 - Monthly Breakfast
****Foley, Poeppel

- 1 - Business Meeting (bake auction)
 - 10 - Drive Out to No Judson School
 - 11 - Cars & Coffee CP High School Bus Parking Lot (Kuiper)
 - 15 - Monthly Breakfast
 - 17 - Model A Day/L C School
 - 18 - Car Show So Lk Christian Church (Hagberg)
 - 21/23 - MARC NATIONAL TOUR
 - 22 - Cobe Cup Lk Co Fairgrounds
 - 27 - South Holland Parade
- **Crabtree-Timmons, Stanula, Hansen

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- 6 - Business Meeting (Gill)
- 9 - Hammond Veterans Day Parade
- 20 - Monthly Breakfast
- 23 - Cedar Lake Light Parade
****Smiddy

- 1 - Pullman Drive out (Dieck)
 - 2 - Model A Day (Clinton, Wis.)
 - 5 - Business Meeting (Swap Meet)
 - 12 - Taco Night & Car Show
 - 19 - Monthly Breakfast
 - 22 - Drivin the Dixie
 - ?? - Mt Ayre Car Show June 1 or 2 ???
- ***Gerrity, Gill

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- 4 - Business Meeting/Toys for Tots
- 7 - Hammond Holiday Parade
- 18 - Monthly Breakfast
- 31 - Polar Bear Dash
****Hastings, Rock

- 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
- ****LeMere, Hagberg

JULY 2024						
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THIRD WEDNESDAY HIR BREAKFAST



620 E. NORTH STREET, CROWN POINT, INDIANA 9AM

**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:	TOM ROCK
MARC MILEAGE:	WARREN DEJONG
MEMBERSHIP:	KIM SEFTON
NEWSLETTER:	JOY KOLAR
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PICNIC:	KEN FOLEY, IRMA SUND AND CY SEFTON
PRINTING:	CHUCK KOLAR
RAFFLE:	CRAIG HANSEN
REFRESHMENTS:	LAURA HASTINGS AND IRMA SUND
WEBMASTER:	CHUCK KOLAR
WINTER BANQUET:	PAM ROCK

NATIONAL EVENTS

2024 MARC NATIONAL TOUR
MAY 21 / 23
BERLIN, OHIO **SOLD OUT**
HOSTED BY: MODEL A DRIVERS OF EAST CENTRAL OHIO, OAKLEAF REGION OF

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

15TH ANNUAL MODEL A DAYS
AUGUST 16/17, 2024
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13TH ANNUAL MODEL A DAYS
SEPTEMBER 20/21, 2024
GILMORE CAR MUSEUM
HICKORY CORNERS, MICHIGAN

2025 National Meet/Gettysburg
April 2025 Membership Meet / Nashville Indiana



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MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

Application for Membership

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2024 Membership Dues: \$50.00

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

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