



# Nickle 'A' News

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The Nickle "A" Region of Wisconsin is dedicated to the restoration, driving, and preservation of the Model "A" Ford Automobile from 1928-1931



Nickle A is also a member of MARC: Model A Restorers Club

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## Message from the Director



By the time May comes around, the "fresh" cold winds are gone, and the rains of early spring arrive. The spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, the garden is growing, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day!

- **May 1 is May Day.** Mark the return of spring by bringing in branches of forsythia, lilacs, or other flowering shrubs from your yard.
- **May 5 is Cinco de Mayo** ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army, Stoughton, WI has a big Cinco de Mayo celebration annually.
- **May 6 is Spring Tour to Iola, WI** to get an opportunity to see the "behind the scenes" workings of the Iola Car Show. Tune up your car, fix what didn't get done last season, and take it for a test drive before May 6! (See mtg minutes-vice director report for details.)
- **May 14 is Mother's Day**—don't forget! Do you have something planned to show appreciation for the "mothers" in your life?
- **May 20 is Armed Forces Day**, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.
- **May 29 is Memorial Day**—a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It's tradition to raise the flag on this day.

In closing, fire up those engines; let's hear that characteristic sound of a Model A motor humming!

Roy



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Thank you for all your  
thoughts, prayers and  
cards from all during my  
heart surgery.  
Kris Peterson

## Upcoming Nickle A Meeting

**Wed. eve. May 17  
6p.m.** at Fred & Joan  
Pennings, 2201  
Kavanaugh Road,  
Kaukauna, WI. **Bring  
your own chairs.**

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## April 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at Al and Lisa Bobier's Home with 31 members and 3 guests present. It was called to order at 9:00 am by Fred Pennings (stand in for Roy Farley) with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests** - David Pietilla, a new member, and Steve Paalman's grandsons Ethan and Dominic who is a new Jr. Member

**Secretary's Report** - Approved as in Newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Watermolen 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Schmidt

**Treasurer's Report** - Approved as read by Fred Pennings. 1<sup>st</sup> Don Paalman 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Krause

**Vice Director's Report** - George Bresnahan gave an update of the **Spring Tour to the IOLA Car Show grounds**. The tour will include tours of the buildings, the grounds, possible swap meet areas, and the filling station if time allows. **Food will be supplied by Roy and Julie Farley - the cost will be \$10 per person.**

**There will be 3 meeting places** for those cars that are attending: **Bill Lindsay's home, Jim Hameister's home, and George Bresnahan's home.** George explained that all cars will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. from these homes and **will meet up at The Ellington Community Center located in Stephenville.**

**Historian's Report** - Contact Mary Lou Hegner if interested in borrowing any available materials. Gene Hegner expressed a concern that Mary Lou has not been receiving the MARC quarterly magazine for this year. Fred Pennings will look into this.

**Donna's Sunshine Report** - Kris Peterson and Alan Arenas-Grube both had by-pass surgery - both are doing well.

Mary Lou Hegner spent Easter in the hospital with Pneumonia. David Slattabo is being treated for a blood disorder. David is home after a 5 day stay at the hospital. He has a whole body infection and cannot have personal contact with anyone except his caregiver.

**Old Business** - Fred Pennings announced that the May and June meetings have changed.

- The May meeting will be at Fred and Joan Pennings
- The June meeting will be at Alan and Raquel Arenas-Grube

**New Business** - Larry Krause mentioned that the Appleton Flag Day Parade is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

He would like to have at least 3-4 cars in this parade. Contact Larry if interested.

Fred Pennings mentioned that Neuske's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

**Jerry's Corner** - Jerry mentioned that the fee for the club to belong to MARC will increase from \$10 to \$25 next year.

Congratulations to Cindy Ellenbecker who was awarded the MARC Excellence in Newsletter for 2022.

**IOLA** - Fred Pennings said that they already have 200 hours volunteer work at IOLA this year. If you are interested in volunteering call either George Bresnahan or Fred to sign-up. Fred has the volunteer sign-up sheet and hours for the IOLA Car Show in July. He is

Beverages provided at the Pennings residence 😊

## Event Calendar

**May 13, 2023**

2023 FVTC Car Show  
1825 Bluemound Dr.  
Appleton, WI

**May 29, 2023**

Neenah American  
Legion Car Show  
Neenah Labor Temple  
157 S, Green Bay Rd.  
Neenah, WI  
For info, call Bill 920-  
428-2631  
Entry fee: \$5.00  
Registration begins at  
9a.m. Awards at 3p.m.

**April 28-23, 2023**

Spring Jefferson  
Fri. 10a.m.-6p.m.  
Sat. 6a.m.-4p.m.  
Sun. 6a.m.-3p.m.  
Jefferson, WI

**June 4, 2023**

Former "Sharon" Model  
A Days, in  
Clinton, WI (note  
location change this  
year)

**June 10, 2023**

Flag Day Parade  
Appleton, WI

**June 11, 2023**

Allouezfest Car Show  
Green Isle Park, Green  
Bay, WI

**July 6-8, 2023**

Iola Old Car Show &  
Swap Meet, Iola, WI

**July 10, 2023**

Johnsonville's Sausage  
Fest and Road America  
Contact Allen Nohl  
[anohl@excel.net](mailto:anohl@excel.net)

looking for a volunteer to help set-up and run the Club's Swap Meet site during the show.

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at Fred and Joan Pennings home. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m.

**Thanks to Hosts** - Al and Lisa Bobier

**Motion to Close** - 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Watermolen

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hameister and keyboarded by Roseline Bresnahan (substituting for Julie Farley, Secretary)

## Request from Hearthstone and Larry Krause

The Flag Day Parade in Appleton is on June 10th. Hearthstone would like 4 to 6 Model A's to represent them in the parade. Line up is approx. 1 p.m. Some of the ladies would also like to ride along in our cars. Contact Larry Krause at 920 739-3283 if you are able to drive in the parade. Thank you. I have 3 cars so far. Larry

## Get to Know Our Rockin' New Members, David and Kayla Pietila from Menasha, WI

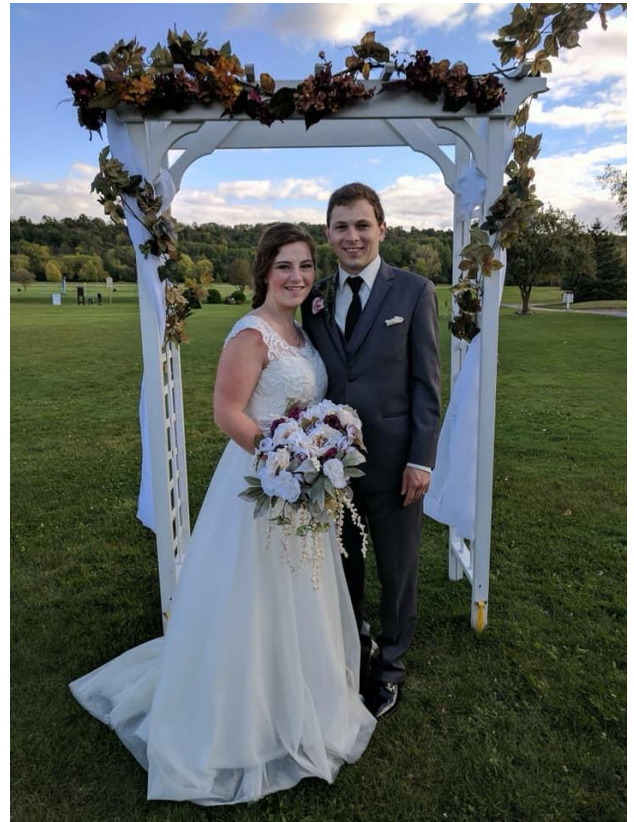
(by Cindy Ellenbecker)

David and Kayla are high school sweethearts (both graduated from Menasha High School, although David is two years older). They actually met at the Menasha Public Library, where David's band was playing (David was the lead vocalist and bassist). Kayla was in her own band, as the drummer.

After high school, David attended U.W. -Oshkosh for a degree in recording (music). Kayla attended Fox Valley Technical College. While in his last semester in college in 2015, David proposed to Kayla. David said he just

couldn't see spending money on rent, so he worked two jobs for a while to earn a down payment on their house, which they bought in 2015. Then the couple saved up for a wedding, which took place in 2017.

David started off working days at Pixel Pro Audio selling recording equipment. His second job, nights and weekends, to make that house



920-207-1196

**July 16-22, 2023**

MAFCA National Tour  
Through lower  
Michigan and northern  
Indiana vintage car  
museums. Departs and  
ends in Auburn,  
Indiana.

**July 28-30, 2023**

Wisconsin Model A  
Reunion, Wisconsin  
Rapids, WI

**July 30-Aug. 4, 2023**

MARC National Meet  
Hamilton, OH

**July 30, 2023**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Bay  
Classics Car Show,  
Center Road, Brillion

**August 5, 2023**

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Ganrud Car  
Show, Denmark, WI

**September 15-16, 2023**

Model A Days Gilmore  
Auto Museum, Hickory  
Corners, MI

**September 16, 2023**

Nueske's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1390 E Grand Ave,  
Wittenberg, WI  
Car Show Time: 8:00  
AM – 1:00 PM  
Arrival Time: 7:15 AM  
Incentive: Each car  
owner will receive a  
Nueske's swag bag for  
participating in this  
event. Call Nicole  
Hartjes at 920-939-6742  
Or Email Nicole Hartjes  
at [n.hartjes@azingevents.com](mailto:n.hartjes@mazingevents.com)

**September 22-24, 2023**

Fall Jefferson  
Fri. 10a.m.-6p.m.  
Sat. 6a.m.-4p.m.  
Sun. 6a.m.-3p.m.  
Jefferson, WI

downpayment, was making pizzas. Kayla was also working in the food service industry at Theda Care Hospital in Neenah.

Kayla eventually transferred to Security Dispatch at Theda Care (think all those overhead announcements you hear in hospitals ---her job at the time). And, most recently she has made the shift to sell jewelry insurance for Jeweler's Mutual in Neenah. This job allows her to work from home every other week. David has fixed up an office in their home for her and the couple's two cats, Milo and Ella, like having a lap to sit on all day long --every other week! David left his sales job and launched his own business a couple of years ago, SourceTrack Studio, a recording company. He has a recording studio set up in their home. He has musical artists come in to record in the studio from all across the state. He hasn't even had to advertise. Word of mouth has served him well!

Kayla is no longer in her band, but David is still playing music in a couple



of bands, "Shield the Survivors" (they have been playing around the state and into Illinois for the last 12 years) and "Noetic". Currently Shield the Survivors is working on a 15- song album and "Noetic" released its last single for 2022 in December. David describes both groups as "metal" bands, and notes that "Shield the Survivors" has an upcoming gig March 25 in Janesville---at the Back Bar, so if you're interested, check the group out on Saturday night. Both bands have Facebook pages, so you can follow them and hear Noetic's last single.

When I asked the couple about their childhood, Kayla shared that she has one older sister. Sadly, Kayla lost both her parents to cancer when each parent was relatively young (57 & 68). However, she still has her maternal grandmother, who at 93, still makes David and Kayla cinnamon rolls! David is a middle child (he has a sister and two brothers). David's mom is in Menasha and his dad resides in Florida. David was born in the Upper Peninsula (check out small towns of Gwinn and Soumi) and moved with his mom and siblings to Menasha when he was 9 years old. Kayla giggled and said, "I haven't left the Fox Cities yet!" David's paternal grandpa still lives in the U.P., at a sprightly age of 73. He journeys down to the Fox Cities to attend car shows with David on occasion.

David credits that Grandpa with teaching him much about automobiles. David's brother also had some influence . . . David recalls the two brothers having torn apart at 1972 Nova and putting it back together. He said it never ran again!! But, David has learned much about vintage autos since then!

September 30, 2023  
Road America  
Opportunity for Model  
A'ers! (details to follow)

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Wanted:

Model A deck lid with hinges. Call Chris: 920-585-8657.



**For Sale** Model A  
Truck Named  
"Bumble  
Bee" \$9,000. Upgr  
ades include 4  
speed overdrive  
trans. 16"  
wheels with  
hydraulic brakes.  
Contact Dick  
Ziegert 920-725-  
7810, E-  
mail [polka635@ya  
hoo.com](mailto:polka635@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1929  
Tudor Sedan Very  
good condition. Has  
not been used for a  
number of years,  
but it is stored  
inside and does run.  
It is located on  
County Road H  
between Readfield  
and Fremont. The  
body is a light  
brown color. Price is  
\$10,000.00 Contact  
owner Jim Paalman

A black and white photograph of a vintage Model A car, likely a sedan or coupe, shown from a side profile. The car is parked on a road with a striped pattern. The background features a stylized sunburst or starburst pattern.

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### 2023 WI Rapids Model A Reunion Registration July 28th, 29th, & 30th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your immediate family is your spouse and unmarried children who live with you. \*\*A Guest is anyone who is not an immediate member of your family, which includes

at 920-585-3693 or Don Paalman at 920-540-0193.

**For Sale:** 1931 Ford slant windshield lower door window garnish moldings 2 ea. \$20.00 Call Craig Vosters At 920-788-0289

**FOR SALE:** 1928-29 Grill Shell, \$50. Call Tom Van Gemert at 920-621-7994

**FOR SALE:** 1976 Ford F350 Dually, 8-foot box, \$2100 or best offer. Call Monty at 608-269-3030.

**FOR SALE:** 1989 White Cadillac Coup Deville Sedan \$4100 or best offer. Call Monty at 608-269-3030

**For Sale:** 1930 Tudor. Garage space needed for modern car. Old father/son hobby car, essentially a project car, except it is complete and drivable. Not pretty, like Snow White, this car needs a fairy-godmother (or godfather) for a complete exterior/interior do-over. Pics available. Call either Roger Guetschow, (608) 846-3708 or Richard Concklin, (608) 221-2198 for

married children. Guests must be registered with a Registered Participant. Member of a participating club cannot register as a Guest. Pre-Register by July 1st for only \$10 and save \$5 on the weekend!!!

Club Member: Family & one Model A Ford .....\$45  
Each additional Model A .....\$10  
Non-Club Member: Family & 1 Model A .....\$50  
Each additional Model A.....\$10  
Guest Fees: Each Adult, 21 and older..... \$20  
Each Child, ages 6-20..... \$15  
Children under 5 are free, but must be registered

Camping fees per site: \$20/weekend

Send WI Rapids Reunion pre-registration form and fees by July 1st to Laura Smith N114W15447 Gettysburg Dr. Germantown, WI 53022 or reunionreg2831@gmail.com . Checks can be made out to Laura Smith or Electronic payments can be sent via PayPal or Venmo to reunionreg2831@gmail.com (use friends & family option to avoid extra charges)

**Look who's out and about after triple by-pass surgery? Alan Grube!**



**However, it seems Alan may have fallen in with a questionable crowd while he's recuperating!!** (Left front and counter clockwise around the table: Jim Hameister, Lloyd Gauerke, George Bresnahan, David Pietila, Steve Moore, -Alan-, and Tom Schmidt)

more information. Car is owned by third party. Motivated Seller.

**For Sale:** 1931 Slant Window project car. Rust free body, good fenders, gas tank, running gear, frame painted, and many other parts. \$6,000. OBO Call Jeff Bezotte 262-818-6904

**For Sale:** six 19" wheels Red Powder coated \$750. OBO Call Jeff Bezotte 262-818-6904



## May Anniversaries

**John/Ruth Etter**

**Richard/JoAnn Fink**

**Les/Jean Ponto**

**Kevin/Nicole Nohl-Ress**

**50% OFF!** **2023 MARC Facebook Follower Membership Program**

**Smart!** **Be a MARC Spark Plug!**



*Want to save money and have your Model A running at its best? Become a new MARC member now and join a Region to save 50% off the general membership fee!*

*That's right! Join MARC and join a Region to get this special offer...your MARC membership for just \$25!*

*A great bargain for our Facebook followers, a great bargain for NEW members, and a great bargain for you!*

*That's being a Smart MARC Spark Plug!*

*Call the MARC office at: (734) 427-9050 for details!*

## MAFFI Newsletter Minute (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc), Hickory Corners, MI

For starters, a little history of the Model A Foundation, Inc.: In 1984, trustees of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) began to discuss formation of a foundation with tax exempt, charitable status. By 1987, a separate organization, MAFFI, was officially recognized, with the goal of building a museum dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford car and related items of the era.

The foundation grew and developed plans to build, and finally settled on the Gilmore location (in Hickory Corners, MI). The current building was completed in the fall of 2012, and the Grand opening was held in May, 2013. Membership has steadily grown, and MAFFI has not had an increase in dues since well before the Museum existed.

However, the cost of operating the Museum has continued to rise. The MAFFI Board of Trustees, in careful consideration of all the facts, has voted to implement the following dues structure, effective May 1, 2023. Note that each membership includes the named member and spouse/domestic partner.

- Annual Dues - \$35



## May Birthdays

Neil Damsheuser  
 Mike Ehmen  
 Julie Farley  
 Roy Farley  
 JoAnne Fink  
 Craig Froelich  
 Lia Froelich  
 Gene Hegner  
 Ray Hendricks  
 Karen Kransusch  
 Chuck Lukas  
 Pam Paalman  
 Joan Pennings  
 Deborah Peterson  
 Audrey Schmitz  
 Barney Schmitz  
 Joe Verheyen  
 Karen Ziegert



Newsletter gets sent out electronically on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**The NEW Model A Days**  
**2-Day Swap Meet**  
**Fashion, Seminars,**  
**Driving Class & MORE!**  
**September 15 & 16, 2023** 9-5pm  
**The Gilmore Car Museum**  
**6865 W. Hickory Road**  
**Hickory Corners, MI 49060** Celebrating The "OPEN A's"  
**Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction**  
**Join us for dinner and a tour of the**  
**Kellogg Manor House & Bird Sanctuary!**  
**Friday Night\***  
**Host Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.**  
**Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000**

For event info & seminars 615-604-7423, Katie Herrick  
 Swap Reservations and information Mark Maron 847-302-7900  
 \*Requires PRE-Registration

free admission to the Gilmore Car Museum all year. This alone is worth the cost of dues. You can find all the benefits of membership on the MAFFI website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), where you can also join or renew and pay your dues using PayPal or your credit card. MAFFI membership is a great way to support this fascinating hobby!

It is not too early to book your hotel for Model A Days!! The Host Hotel is accepting bookings now. Ask for Ford Model A Convention Block 2023 at the Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center 2747 South 11th Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009: 1-269-375-6000

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
 \$129.00 USD per night (These rates are available from September 11-18, 2023.)

MAFFI Model A Days Events and Registration forms are available now on the Gilmore Website or by searching, "Gilmore Car Museum/Ford Model A Days". To participate in some activities this year you must preregistration by September 1, 2023.

Tour of the Kellogg grounds and bird sanctuary is the Friday night activity with dinner on the grounds at the Kellogg property (yes, the cereal magnate!)

- 3 year membership - \$100
- Lifetime Membership - \$500

Please note that MAFFI is the only partner museum at the Gilmore that offers a Lifetime membership, and we maintain the lowest annual dues on the campus. Consider the many benefits that MAFFI membership brings; in particular, paid members enjoy