



Nickel '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, Roy Farley



Model A'ers:

February starts off with Groundhog's Day; to most of us it's just a silly day, but to the Paalman family it's a pretty special day because Don Paalman, one of our founding members, and longest continuous member, was born on Groundhog's Day and will be welcoming 83 years of age that day!

Then there are number of days devoted to past presidents: the 12th is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the 17th is Presidents Day, and the 22nd is George Washington's birthday.

Of course, then there's Valentine's Day and it is also National Heart Month, to bring awareness to heart health. And let's not forget the Super Bowl on February 11th in Las Vegas! So, there's any number of reasons to celebrate with your Model A friends in a month when we typically cannot drive out Model A's in Wisconsin because of cold, snow, and ice.

If you haven't yet signed up to host a meeting or plan a weekly summer tour, please contact Jim Hameister for the meeting host or Fred Pennings for the weekly summer tour. And, there's always Fall Tour looking for leadership and ideas. Jim Hameister would be appreciative to have some help on Fall Tour ideas and planning.



Spring is a comin'
AAAOOGGGGAAAHHH

Happy Valentine's Day!

Roy



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Event Calendar

Next 2 Nickle A
Model A meetings are
at St. Elizabeth's
Marketplace
(cafeteria)

Feb. 10

March 16

Breakfast/brunch
available to purchase.

Address:
1506 S. Oneida St.
Appleton, WI
Time 9:00
gathering/eating

Meeting at 10 a.m.
Feb, 25, 2024

January 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at St. Elizabeth Marketplace with 48 members present; no guests this meeting. Meeting called to order at 9:58a.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Report- The Christmas Party was a great party! Everyone was ok with **changing the date of February meeting to February 10th. I sincerely apologize for the change.**

Treasurer's Report – Approved as read by Roy Farley stand in for Fred Pennings 1st Don P. 2nd George B.

Secretary's Report – Approved as in newsletter. 1st Jake W. 2nd Dennis Voss

Vice Director's Report – It has been a smooth transition for Vice Dir. Jim; Jim says Bill set him up good. Thank you Bill for all your hard work the last couple of years.

- Sign-up sheet for hosting events was passed around; events currently open are the following May, September, Sept. Fall Tour, November and Christmas Party. To sign up please talk to Jim Hameister.
- Spring Tune up; April 20th at Al Bobier home.
- Spring Tour in May (no date yet) will be touring The Novitiate located in Gresham, WI

Librarian's Report – If would like to check out any book give Mary Lou a call. The list of books that are located in the back pages of the MARC magazine are the same ones we have in our Nickle A Library. Call today to sign a book out 920-460-4594

Sunshine Report-

- received thank you note from Jennifer Johnson for Scott Stevens Memorial for the Manawa Sportsman Club
- Ellen Hegner remains on Hospice. Prayers would be appreciated.
- On the bright side Bob has purchased his brother Scott Steinfeldt's 1930 Ford 4 dr. Town Sedan.
- Dave Slattebo is doing great; he is in full recovery.

Old Business- none to report

Iola Report- from Joe M., the Iola shelter design is drawn up and a letter is being sent to Menards Inc. for donation of building in which our A-Team does the labor. It will be a spring project. It will replace the tent used at the swap meet next to the Swap Meet shack. It will also have electricity provided by Iola and Iola will pick the colors. It will be used for Nickle A's swap meet space and will provide cooler cooking conditions for the cook currently Roy Farley and used for shade for our volunteers.

New Business

- Dick Z. talked about the WI Model A Reunion in which Dick notified the club that the WI Region MARC will no longer support the reunion, was 4 clubs is now currently 3 clubs supporting the WI Model A Reunion which is held each year at the end of July.
- George on the Burtz block; 3 months and we finally have all the parts to assemble the block. If you would like to have a closer look at the Burtz

58th Annual
Greater Milwaukee
Area Winter Swap
Meet
Washington County
Fairgrounds, 3000
Cty Hwy PV
(Pleasant Valley
Road)
West Bend, WI
53095

April 4-6, 2004
MARC Membership
Meet, Joliet, IL. Call
Randy Redman (815)
436-8965 or Email
randallredman@
gmail.com

May 21-23, 2024
MARC National Tour:
Backroads and
Buggies
Contact Jennifer
Zellen, 1807 Squirrel
Valley Drive,
Bloomfield Hills, MI
48304 (tour goes
through Ohio)

MAFCA (Model A
Ford Club of
America National
Events)
June 23rd -29th:
Convention in
Ruidoso, NM.

July 15-18, 2024
MARC National Meet
Asheville, NC
Call Paul Ganninger
314-852-5591 or
Email
MARCMEET2024@
gmail.com

Engine give Tom Schmidt or George a jingle. George says it quiet an interesting engine.

- Jerry mentioned that everyone should give MARC their email address; you will receive updates from MARC also including all MARC events. MARC News magazine is now offered electronically (emailed).
- There will be more info on the Tuesday Summer Pop-up Tours closer to Spring but if anyone is interested in doing a Tuesday tour talk to Vice Director Jim Hameister.

Birthday & Anniversaries were read by Julie F.

Swap and Sell- Dick Z. has an Antique trunk for the back of a coupe for sale \$5. Don P. has for sale brackets to front seat of sedan for adjusting the seat. Roy F. is looking for a cowl

Next Meeting- Feb 10th at St. Elizabeth Hospital Marketplace at 9am eats and 10am meeting

Thank You to our Hosts- Roy and Julie Farley and the great Marketplace crew.

Motion to Adjourn- 1st Jake W. 2nd Mary Lou H.
Submitted by Club Secretary Julie Farley

For Those of You Who Travel to the Western Part of the State ----

Hello Car Enthusiasts and Car Club Members,

I'd like to introduce you to the newest automotive museum in northwest Wisconsin, the Graham Motor Museum. We are located in Lake Hallie, WI between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls.

We are a small non-profit museum featuring a changing variety of makes and models, all of which we believe represent some of the coolest marvels in automotive design. Some cars are a part of our permanent group while others are on loan from fellow enthusiasts through our Enthusiasts Collection Project. You'll also find some interesting automotive history such as restored gas pumps, service station automobilia, car art, and even Albert, the alligator, of the former Eau Claire Motor Company.

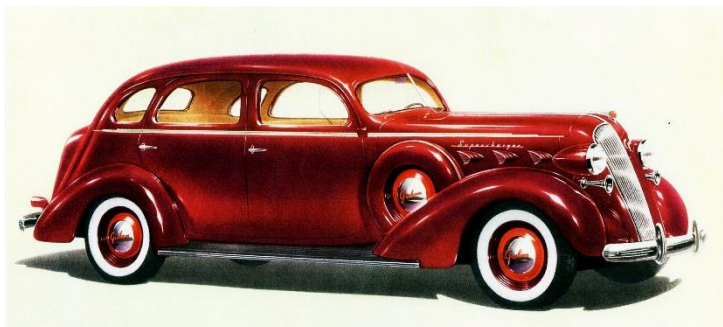


Photo at Left is a 1937
Graham, Custom
Series 120
Supercharger, 4 door.

Check out our website

at: www.GrahamMotorMuseum.org for more information about us.

MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America National Events)

Dec 11th-14th: National Awards Banquette in Salt Lake City, UT.

CLASSIFIEDS

Nickle A Club ads

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor. Late 1990 body-off restoration with all original chassis, body and fenders. New interior. Converted to 12V. Runs and drives great. Beautiful car! Asking \$13,900 OBO John Holtan, 920-470-4396 See pictures below



For Sale: I have acquired a large

We invite you to plan a road trip for your car club and friends in 2024. We are offering a 20% discount on all ticket categories for groups of 10 - 35 as follows:

<u>Ticket Prices:</u> **	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Group</u>
Adults	\$15	\$12
Students with ID (13-17)	\$12	\$ 9
Children (3-12)	\$ 9	\$ 7
Active Military	FREE	FREE

Appointments are required without exception. There are a limited number of spaces available this season. Call or email me for details and to schedule your event. Let me know if you are looking for more to do to enhance your trip as there are many opportunities in the Chippewa Valley.

Thank you for considering us and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Mike Markin
715-829-7733

WHY IS 2024 A LEAP YEAR? WHAT IS A LEAP YEAR?

Simply put, a leap year is a year with an extra day—February 29—which is added nearly every four years to the calendar year. Why Are Leap Years Necessary? Adding an extra day every four years keeps our calendar aligned correctly with the astronomical seasons, since a year according to the Gregorian calendar (365 days) and a year according to Earth's orbit around the Sun (approximately 365.25 days) are not the exact same length of time. Without this extra day, our calendar and the seasons would gradually get out of sync. (Keep reading for a longer explanation.)



Because of this extra day, a leap year has 366 days instead of 365. Additionally, a leap year does not end and begin on the same day of the week, as a non-leap year does. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT'S A LEAP YEAR?

Generally, a leap year happens every four years, which, thankfully, is a fairly simple pattern to remember. However, there is a little more to it than that.

Here are the rules of leap years: • A year may be a leap year if it is evenly divisible by 4. • Years that are divisible by 100 (century years such as 1900 or 2000) cannot be leap years unless they are also divisible by 400. (For this reason,

antique trunk that might be good on a model A.
\$5 Dick Ziegert 920-725-7810 (see picture below)



Wanted: Model A cowl. Any year is ok. Roy Farley 920-224-5261.

FOR SALE:
Model A powered Smith Air Compressor. Trailer mounted factory unit. \$875

AA Marsh Tractor Spoke front wheels \$775

2 – A powered Saw rigs \$350-\$650

Contact John Shaetz 920-566-4652

FOR SALE: 1930-1931 Ford Model A Cowl band. Very good shape. \$45. Four – 16” Steel Wheels & tires (make offer). Two 1932 Ford Transmissions (chipped teeth –make offer)

Two Rods – Firewall to Radiator (make offer)

the years 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, but the years 1600 and 2000 were.) If a year satisfies both the rules above, then it is a leap year. WHEN IS THE NEXT LEAP YEAR? • Leap Day 2024 Thursday, February 29 2028 Tuesday, February 29 2032 Sunday, February 29 –

By Catherine Boeckmann December 23, 2019



Note: It is time to issue a warning about driving or parking your Model A on the frozen ponds and lakes. It is strongly suggested that **if** you do drive your car on any frozen body of water, that you keep your Model A Ford

safely garaged and venture out in your neighbor's Chevy! - idea from Pine Tree A's

Miller's Tire Paint by Greg Long

(At the Glens Falls meet Technical Session, a question was asked about Miller's Tire paint. Below is information on Miller' Tire Paint. Thanks to Greg Long for providing a summary of Miller's Tire Paint.

This paint is a very effective way to protect and rejuvenate a rubber or rubberized surface. The paint is like a thin latex paint. It can be sprayed or brushed. It is water-based, and when dry is impervious to soap and water or other solvents. It literally seems to be a liquid black rubber.

On tires: I have used this paint to turn a white-wall tire to a black-wall. I used a small spray gun, and sprayed on two coats of the tire paint. It covered the white-wall very well. And most importantly: this tire is on a car that has been driven a lot, and the tire still looks like a 'black-wall' after 5-6 years.

On black rubber running boards: The rubber running board mats crack and shrink, especially in the low areas between raised ribs. I have brushed on the Miller black tire paint with an artist's brush in the low, cracked areas. I applied multiple coats, in some areas 4 or 5 coats of the paint. I reapply only after the previous coat is dry, which is usually within a few



Contact: Ray
Schmoeker 920-766-
1273

FOR SALE: Model A's
from the estate of
Scott Steinfeldt:
1930 Ford 2 dr. Coupe
(clean) \$15,000

1929 4 dr. Fordor
(rough-fair) \$7,000

1928 2 dr. Tudor
Sedan (fair) \$9,500

1928 Ford Phaeton
(clean) \$22,500

Interested parties can
contact Dean at 920-
858-2900, ext. 5

Also extra wheels
(black and tan) & tires
available, both
refinished and not.

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

FOR SALE: 1931
Model A Fordor Town
Sedan S/W. I
inherited this car a

hours, often less than an hour. The multiple coats soak in, fill and level the cracks. Years later they still appear to not have re-cracked.

On Panosote top material, or other vinyl or rubberized fabric top inserts: The rubberized surface gets thin from exposure to sun and weather, eventually developing cracks and leaking water through the material into the inside of the car. Using Miller tire paint on a top material has a slight risk in that if it is applied too thick, or too 'wet', it may soak through the cracks and fabric and stain the headliner material. To prevent this soaking through potential problem, I have used a brush, and dipping it into the tire paint, and then brushing most of the paint back into the can of paint, so the brush is very 'dry'.

I then brush the paint onto the cracked and worn areas of the top, paying close attention to filing cracks and wetting exposed fabric, but not wet enough that the paint would soak through the top material. A few hours later, a second application is made, again taking care to not saturate the top material causing soaking through the fabric.

After I felt that the top was water-tight again, I then sprayed a finish coat of the 'Tire Paint' over the top. While not a 'miracle', it certainly does help preserve any rubberized surface.



**Greater Milwaukee
Area Winter Swap Meet
– FEB. 25**

Wisconsin's largest indoor
swap meet! Over 45,000
square feet of heated indoor
vending area. Free Parking
and Food Available.

Washington County Fairgrounds, 3000 Cty. Hwy. PV, West Bend, WI 53095

Car Related Items: All makes and models AND Vintage Bicycle items
Doors are open at 7:30 a.m. – 1p.m. with General Admission \$8.00 (12 and under free)

Automobile questions? Call, text, or email Vicki at 262-337-0426 or Jeana at 414-554-3088 Email: jangelini69@yahoo.com

Each vending space will be approximately 11' x 9' and are \$40. Wall spaces vary in size depending on location in either building and are \$45.

There is space available for car clubs to help promote their special interest to the public. Clubs may use these spaces to sell either club merchandise and/out hand out club literature, but may NOT be used for selling car parts. The spaces are \$30 and are approximately 3' x 11' and included one free table and admittance for two people.

couple of years ago from my dad, and it was a daily driver for him. Older restoration. Clear title. Runs good. Asking \$14,500 For more information, email



Wisconsin Region MARC (Madison)

Wanted: Headlight reflectors for Model A. Switching to LED, so they don't need to be perfect, but would want them presentable.

Call/Text Tony (920) 478-4541.

For Sale: Beam's 1929 Ford Model A Woodie Station Wagon Decanter, 80% Kentucky Straight Whiskey. Beam's 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton Decanter, 80% Kentucky Bourbon. Neither one has been opened, \$100 each. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057 or (608) 924-1075.

For Sale: 1/16 Scale McCormick Farmall Super M-TA Tractor with wagon, made by Ertl Collectibles, stock number A032. This is 1 of 100 that were made for the 1996 Wisconsin

MAFFI Minute (Model A Ford Foundation Inc.)

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 p.m. 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

Farm Progress Days, still in box. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057 or (608) 924-1075.

For Sale: 1/16 Scale Tractors: Case 800, John Deere Model HN, all made by Ertl. All have rubber tires, steerable front end and still in original boxes. \$35/tractor, OBO. Call/Text Tony (920) 478-4541.

For Sale: 1930 Town Sedan Deluxe. Frame up rebuild, intended for Touring Class judging. New Wood, exclusive Ford Maroon, painted stripe, Firestone tires, professionally installed L-B interior. Really nice car. \$27k or good offer. See pictures at www.concklin.net.

Central WI Chapter ads
Wisconsin Rapids

FOR SALE: 1928-31 Generator, includes cutout, pulley & band. \$100 Call Dale 715-824-3214

Wheeling A's Wisconsin Chapter ads

No ads this month



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-Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

Nickle A Editor's Note:



All those folks who have ads (For Sale or Wanted) in this issue need to confirm with Cindy by February 15 that you still want the ad to run. If the ad is not

confirmed it **will not** be placed in the next issue nor will it be sent to the other Model A Club Editors in Wisconsin for their newsletters.

Also, pictures, articles, and new classified ads are due to Editor, Cindy Ellenbecker (bhavenfiberarts@yahoo.com) no later than the 20th of each month. The newsletter goes out via email the 25th of each month.

Also note that if writing isn't your thing, put something together, rough draft; it's the editor's job to fix it and make it pretty 😊

Or call, text, or email me of your idea and we'll craft something with your talking and my keyboarding! We don't want good stuff to go unpublished and not shared with members.

February Anniversaries

Gary & Bonnie Tortelli

George & Barbara Matson

Steve Moore & Cindy Ellenbecker

Will & Amy Werth



**NOTE:
CHANGE OF
FEBRUARY
NICKLE A
MEETING TO
SATURDAY,
FEB. 10th.**



Know anybody interested in joining our club? Here's the form below:

Checks payable to Nickle A Model A Club
(\$20.00) and mail them to: Fred Pennings, 2201 Kavanaugh Rd.
Kaukauna, WI 54130

February Birthdays

Ruth Etter

George Mattson

Sue Monson

Justin Opperman

Don Paalman

Tom Roitt

Bonnie Splitt

Ron Watermolen

Amy Werth

Also, please complete the form below each year so we can keep our records accurate. Thank you!

New or Renewing Membership Application - Please fill out annually -records update

NAME: (for name tag) _____ DATE: _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER: (for name tag) _____

MODEL A (s) year/type _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Her birthday _____ His birthday _____

Anniversary Date _____ MARC I.D. # (Model A Restorers Club) _____

Military: Branch of Service _____ Years Served _____