



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



Welcome to February, Model A'ers!

We commonly associate Valentine's Day with February, but let's not forget Groundhog's Day on Feb. 2. I know member Cindy Ellenbecker is not likely to forget Groundhog's Day anytime soon after the shenanigans at the WI Rapids Reunion last summer. It's her story to tell, but better yet, fill out the reunion

registration in this newsletter and drive on over to the reunion this coming July to see the part two installment of the Groundhog Pranksters!

These colder months are an excellent time to make spring and summer travel plans: book those hotels and study the back roads on your road maps to take the Model A on tour in 2023!

George Bresnahan is already planning an incredibly interesting Spring Tour Day for an insiders view of the lola Car Show. It'll be fun to see the grounds and all it has to offer minus the July crowds! It'll be like our very own car show day!

Another important holiday for many of us is Presidents' Day, a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February, Monday, February 20, 2023. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Roy

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Upcoming Nickle A Meetings

*At St. Elizabeth's
Marketplace
(cafeteria).
Breakfast/brunch
available to purchase.*

Address:
1506 South Oneida
Street, park on Fremont
Street in front of
hospital.

Meeting Dates
Sat., Feb. 18
Sat., March 18

Time
9 a.m.
gathering/eating
10 a.m. meeting

January 21, 2023 Nickle A Model A Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at St. Elizabeth Marketplace with 52 members present. It was called to order at 10:00am by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report - Approved as in Newsletter. 1st Don Paalman 2nd Jacob Woelfel

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read by Julie Farley. 1st Don Paalman 2nd Larry Krause

Vice Director's Report - Spring Tour, George Bresnahan and Kris Peterson said they would lead a Spring Tour to Iola Car Show grounds on Sunday May 7th with a bring your own lunch. George Mattson received his plaque for mileage. Bill turned in the mileage to MARC; there was a discrepancy with some of the miles turned in, Bill said he would speak to each individual to get corrected.

Historian's Report - During these cold months is a good time to read up on those Model A's. Our Nickle A Club has a great library; give MaryLou a call to check a book out.

Sunshine Report - Prayers and thoughts for Chuck Marousek, his father passed away. Congratulations to Janelle and Steve Heise on a baby girl!

Old Business- Kris showed what the signage would look like for the Iola Car Show, Vendor Registration Gate 2, which our club is in charge of during the show.

New Business - Dave Slattebo and Bill Lindsley would like to see if anyone in the Green Bay area would like to car pool to Iola on Wednesdays during the spring/summer months for Iola work days. Contact Dave or Bill

- 2023 WI Rapids Reunion preregistration forms were printed and available to take.
- George mentioned that we would need some more volunteers when the Iola show got closer for clearing grass and replacing markers for vendor spots to make them readable. See George if interested.

Kris Peterson received Member of the Year Award. Thank You Kris for everything that you do for our club. Kris thanked everyone in the club that also helps out.

Jerry's Corner-

- Pins didn't make it to Michigan for the National Tour; they were sent to Jerry and he handed them out to those that attended.
- Check your MARC magazine: MARC to start selling note cards, pictures of Model A's, get well cards, birthday cards, Christmas cards.
- If not a member of MARC (Model A Restorers Club) the Nickle A Club highly encourages you to join. It'll be well worth the \$50 annual fee. Insurance through Hagerty with liability coverage and it covers All MARC and Regional events such as tours, parades, car shows, picnics, meetings, holiday parties, swaps etc.

Birthday and Anniversaries - were read.

Event Calendar

February 26, 2023

WI Chapter Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) Swap Meet at Washington County Fairgrounds 3000 CTY Hwy PV (Pleasant Valley Road), West Bend (Intersection of U.S. Hwy 45 & County Hwy PV)
Admission: \$7 adults, under 12 free

March 18, 2023

New London St. Pat's Day Parade (see info in newsletter)

April 14-16, 2023

Model A Restorers Club (MARC) Membership Meet Bay City, Michigan

June 4, 2023

Sharon Model A Days, Sharon, 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 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

Swap and Sell - -Don Paalman has Volume 13 in Tech Speaking \$12 and a Smith compressor head with governor and accessories. -Don also has for sale a 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.

- Club had 6 MARC national meet mugs left from our meet in Oshkosh, sold 3 of the 6 for \$10.

\$10 Cash Winners- Al Bobier, Tom Schmidt and Joyce Schmoeker

Next Meeting - February 18th, St. Elizabeth Market Place

Thanks to Hosts - Roy and Julie Farley and the Marketplace staff

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Jim Watermolen 2nd Larry Krause

Respectfully submitted by Julie Farley, Club Secretary

In years past, many of our club members have participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New London. Below is the information if you wish to be a participant.

"The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Registration MUST be returned by March 1, 2023:

Contact Info: Connor & Kayla Loughrin (920-538-0326 / Jill Arent (920-809-2361)

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - KRIS PETERSON



Each year the Nickle A Club votes and awards one member as Outstanding Member of the Year; the 2022 award went to Kris Peterson for his time, talent, as well as the resources he gave to our club.

The award you see pictured to the left is a traveling award; it has all the names of prior outstanding members on it and well as Kris's name. Kris will have this award for all of 2023; then at the end of the year, he will get a replacement with JUST his name on it as a lifelong keepsake.

Thank you, Kris, for ALL you do!

September 15-16, 2023

Model A Days Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

September 22-24, 2023

Jefferson Swap Meet, Jefferson, WI

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1929
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For Sale: 1931
(early) Victoria, body wood kit installed, 99% complete, all parts are there. 30/31 reproduction deck lid, never used. Shock, carbs, light rails, many other parts, call with your needs and wants. Jim Malcheski, (608) 924-1075 or (608) 575-9057.

For Sale: 1929
Model A Tudor. Older restoration, in good condition. This car is drive able as is, nothing needed

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 married children. Guests must be registered with a Registered Participant. Member of a participating club cannot register as a Guest. Participation Ribbons will be issued upon finalizing registration and must be worn at ALL times to enjoy the free drinks and meals over the weekend. We also ask that you wear your club's name badge! 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

Use of additional campsites will be charged per site \$20

Electric hookup:.....\$20 Day

Pass..... \$15

This is the cost for a day pass for one person. Early registration discount does not apply towards Day Passes.

Day Pass registrants are not able to participate in the Hubley Derby, Car Games, Kids Games, Rolling Pin Toss and any other award issuing events.

Family*:Adults____ Children:____ Guests**:Adults____ Children:____

Are you Camping: YES or NO If YES, do you need electric? YES or NO

Member of which Model A Club?

____ Central Wisconsin MARC/MAFCA

____Nickle A Region MARC

to enjoy. \$7000.
Call Sharon, (920)
650-4910.

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.
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February Anniversaries

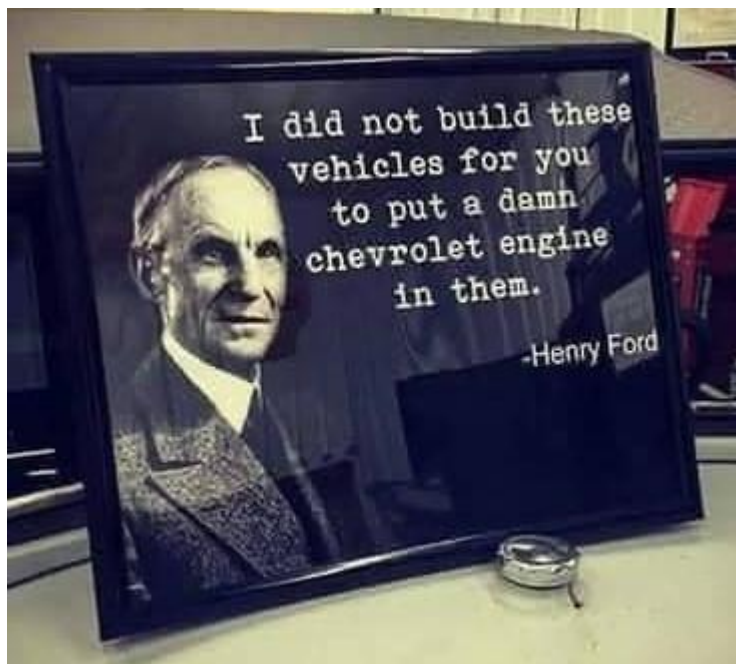
Gary & Bonnie
Tortelli

George & Barbara
Mattson

Steve & Cindy
Moore/Ellenbecker



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 and family option to avoid
additional charges



As seen on the
MAFCA (Model A
Ford Club of
America) Facebook
page!

See MARC website for additional info:
[Model A Restorers Club \(model-a-ford.org\)](http://model-a-ford.org)

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Meet Mark and Jennifer!

Mark and Jennifer joined
the Nickle A club late in
fall of 2022. Mark said he
joined so he could "keep
tabs on his father ---
George Bresnahan"! We
all understand that
remark!!





February Birthdays

Ruth Etter
George Mattson
Sue Monson
Don Paalman
Tom Roitt
Bonnie Splitt
Ron Watermolen



And from Jim Watermolen, Club Historian, webmaster, social media guru and cattle roper, the App

On a more serious note, Mark said that he'd heard stories of the Nickle A club members for years and knew that George and Kathy counted club members among their friends and he and Jennifer wanted to be more involved in mom and dad's life, so it seemed like a good fit. Mark and Jennifer don't own a Model A, but we're glad that didn't stop them from joining. Besides, we all know that Mark knows a guy who owns one . . .

Mark grew up in Neenah. (He was 6 years old when George and Kathy moved to Neenah from Milwaukee). And like his dad, Mark spent most of his career in the fire sprinkler business, first as an apprentice, then as a fitter, then a foreman, and finally to the office. He did have a brief sabbatical from the sprinkler business a few years back when he took a job in the paper converting industry where he helped develop a dryer for paper converting. The job took Mark all around the globe including China, but all that travel got old so Mark applied for a job with a permanent location -----in Tasmania!! Although he and Jennifer loved the beauty of Tasmania, both agreed that it was up to a 3-day experience to get home to their families, and ultimately decided to return to the states, namely Florida. Mark went back to his first love, the fire sprinkler business as a division manager where he has been for the last 9 years. Like so many jobs, Mark is able to work from home these days, so instead of living near the company in Florida, he was able to move back to Neenah where his heart has always been. He's also currently trying to cut back from 60 hours a week to a much slower paced schedule.

Jennifer was also raised in the Appleton area (Kaukauna High School graduate), so she was all about moving back to the area! After high school she migrated to the Sheboygan area and worked as a paraprofessional with autistic children in the Kohler School District.

When the couple moved to Tasmania, Jennifer decided that learning to drive on the opposite side of the road wasn't going to happen. She told Mark, "Take me to the nearest art store" and that's where her artistic career



began. Jennifer paints in acrylics. While they were in Florida, Jennifer worked at an art gallery where she also exhibited her pieces, and then eventually opened her own little shop. Now that Jennifer is back in Fox Cities, she has her work for sale at the Neenah Vintage Mall, Cedar Ridge Crafts, and on Facebook (under her maiden name: Jennifer Lynn Viaene. She has sold well over 5,000 pieces so you might want to look her up and check out the original art!

Team Reach - App

After listening to members over the past several years, Jim Watermolen took it upon himself to find ways to get more information out to club members.

He found an app which is both PC and Smart phone capable to receive club alerts. The app is called Team Reach which you can get through Apple's play store or Androids.

Simply download the app to your PC or Smart phone and let Jim know you're ready to join via email or text @ webmaster@nicklea.com and Jim will send you the code to join in. Jim will also try to be available at the monthly meetings to set this up on your device for those who need the help.

Right now Jim broadcasts 3 alerts of monthly meetings: 7 days, 2 Days, 1 Day, and 2 hours before each meeting --in between all the cattle roping! It's an exhausting schedule, right Jim?

The couple has 6 children between them and 2 grandchildren and when they are not spending time with family, Mark does caricature graphite sketching and intarsia woodworking. He has also sold some of his pieces and brought home an art award. He also dabbles in furniture making outfitting areas of their new home. He's also responsible for building Jennifer's frames for her canvas paintings. Jennifer has made a living out of her painting hobby, but she also enjoys sewing, crocheting, and flower gardening.

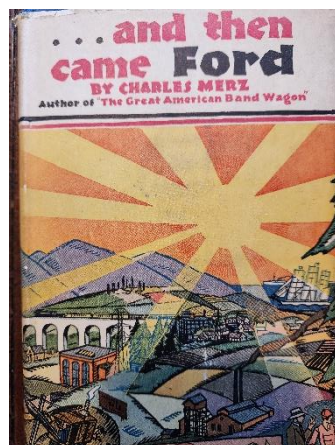


We look forward to getting to know Mark and Jennifer better! They have much to offer this group, not the least of which is their humor!

A wee bit of history for the Ford lovers . . .

Taken from the book, *And Then Came Ford*, by Charles Mertz, copyright 1929

"Night after night the work went on. Without plans, without tools, without money, and without materials, working against time, after hours, and in the face of all discouragement that could be given to him by his new neighbors in Detroit and his old friends in Dearborn . . . Ford stuck to his appointed task in the brick shed behind the house . . . Occasionally, the witness said, there would come a racket followed by an unexpected and mysterious "sputtering" of something that seemed half alive. . . Out in the dark road in front of the house in Bagley Avenue the motor barked and the floor boards shook with a fit of ague. The windows across the street were promptly filled with neighbours roused from their sleep by the sudden racket.



Ford mounted to the tufted seat which bounced to the vibration of his motor. His wife was watching from the steps of the house as he pulled at the clutch that applied power to the wheels. The car lurched forward.

As to what happens next there are three classical accounts which have equal merit as authentic history. The differ widely in detail. But at least on this point they agree: that some time after midnight on a rainy night in April, 1893, a man who had worked three years to build a motor car drove to the end of a dark street in the



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald and Sandy Justinger,
Sheboygan, WI

Scott and Kelly Lamers
Kaukauna, WI

Jeremy and Brooke Reichwald
DePere, WI

Mike and Tina Watermolen,
Pulaski, WI



MARC NATIONAL MEET

When: July 30,
2023 – August 4,
2023

Where: Holiday Inn
5800 Muhlhauser Rd
West Chester
Township, OH

Contact: Mark Maron
(847) 302-7900 or
Lee Froehle (614) 580-
1950

first of sixteen million Fords and brought it home under its own power. ”
(Many thanks to Jarrod Williams, Ohio Valley Region Model A Club, for recommending this book to Cindy Ellenbecker)



Photo to the left: New Honor Guard, Member Tom Schmidt, serving the Neenah and Menasha areas

EXCERPTS from the MAFFI Minute newsletter (Model A Ford Foundation Inc.)

“If you have not experienced the incredible automotive displays at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, home of the Model A Ford Museum, you should really put it on your bucket list! MAFFI was established in 1986 to preserve the historical significance of the Model A Ford automobile. . . The displays are updated frequently, giving a fresh experience each time you visit. Many exhibits are now interactive and provide an immersive experience for viewers, young and old alike.

If you are already a member of MAFFI, we thank you for your support. But for those who have not yet joined, please consider the many benefits (free admission to the entire Gilmore museum for starters), a quarterly newsletter, videos available for check out on a variety of Model A topics, samples and detailed information on original upholstery materials and Model A advertising and so much more . . . ”

MAFFI also has a Facebook account and an Instagram account so you can see what’s new at any time.

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

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SPOUSE: _____ MODEL A (s) year/type _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Her birthday _____ His birthday _____

Anniversary Date _____

Military: Branch of Service _____ Years Served _____

Checks (\$20.00) to: Fred Pennings, 2201 Kavanaugh Rd., Kaukauna, WI 54130