



# 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:

As soon as we get the last of the pesky snow off the ground (fingers crossed for this week for all that white stuff to be permanently gone for the season), we can look forward to some crocus and tulips and maybe even some daffodils blooming. April is traditionally known for spring showers and rainbows.

Of course, the month starts off with April Fool's Day and I know a few of our members will haul out the "whoopie cushion" equivalents in jokes and pranks --you know who you are, dear brother-in-law Jim, Fred Pennings, Neil Damsheuser, and associates!

April is also National Kite Month. How long since anyone has flown a kite with a youngster? Might be fun . . . Fly a kite with the kids and then take them for a ride in your Model A.

We also have a total solar eclipse coming on April 8, that pesky tax day mid-month, and Arbor Day. But probably the most fun day for us Model A'ers is Tune Up Day at the Al and Lisa Bobier residence on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

We will have coffee and donuts at the spring tune up and if anyone would like to bring some cookies or bars that would be awesome!! Also, a big thank you to all the great talent we have in the club to keep our Model A's on the road!!!!

Get Those Motors Runnin'

Roy



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## **Event Calendar**

Next Model A  
meeting

### **April 20, 2024**

Al/Lisa Bobier home  
N245 DeBruin Rd,  
Kaukauna, WI  
or Spring Tune-up/April  
meeting. Can come at 9  
a.m. to visit and have  
donuts and coffee.

Meeting 10 am; then  
work on cars until 1pm.  
**Feel free to pack a  
lunch if you plan to  
stay and work on  
cars.**

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## **March 16, 2024 Nickle A Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at St. Elizabeth Hospital Marketplace with 37 members present. Meeting called to order at 10:00a.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests-** Dave Slattebo's grandson, Caleb and Roy and Julie Farley's grandkids Colton and Elli.

**Director Report** - Lucky Dog's Bar & Neenah American Legion Memorial Day Car Show, May 27<sup>th</sup>. \$10 entry fee, registration begins at 9am, awards at 3pm. Located at The Neenah Labor Temple 157 S. Green Bay Rd. Neenah. If you're interested in going, please let Tom Schmidt know; he'll save a spot for you.

**Treasurer's Report** - Approved as read by Roy Farley stand in for Fred Pennings. 1<sup>st</sup> Don P.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jake W.

**Secretary's Report** - Approved as in newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup>Dave S.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Don P.

**Vice Director's Report** - Monthly Meetings are spoken for the year. Thank you to all that are hosting a meeting this year! April meeting is our annual Spring Tune-up meeting, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Al & Lisa Bobier's Home, 9am with meeting at 10am, coffee and donuts will be served, there will be no lunch served but feel free to pack a lunch. Sign-up sheets were passed around for attendance and Tues Tours.

**Librarian's Report** - Books are available, check them out for your 1<sup>st</sup> spring tune up. Contact Mary Lou or Gene Hegner.

### **Donna's Sunshine Report-**

- Feb 29<sup>th</sup> Mike Hoks fell and cracked his pelvis bone, he will be laid up for about 8 weeks, card sent.
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, Kris Peterson had a knee replacement, card sent.
- About 4 weeks ago Don Paalman's granddaughter Paula had 2 strokes; she is out of ICU, responding to some commands and speaking with a whisper. She will have a long recovery. Prayers appreciated.
- Have a list of 7 more people who wish to remain anonymous that are also in need of prayers.
- Ellen Hegner remains on hospice and is resting peacefully at home. Please keep Ellen in your prayers.
- Tom Steinfeldt has some medical issues. Please send prayers.
- Randy Palmer, former member passed away.

**Old Business-** nothing to cover.

Please bring with you the things that you'll need for your tune-up (oil, transmission fluid, any other parts)..

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

**April 26-27, 2024**  
Jefferson Car show and Swap Meet  
Jefferson, WI Fairgrounds  
503 N Jackson Street  
Jefferson, WI 53549

**May 27, 2024**  
Lucky Dog's Bar & Neenah American Legion Memorial Day Car Show. \$10 entry fee, registration begins at 9am, awards at 3pm. Located at The Neenah Labor Temple 157 S. Green Bay Rd. Neenah.

**June 2, Rockford Model A Day (Sunday), Clinton, WI**

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

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**Iola Report-** plans are set for the shelter near the Swap Meet shack. Letter was sent to Menard's, have not a response from them yet.

**New Business-** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day Auto Show is June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-2pm in downtown Clinton, WI near Sharon, WI where the auto show has been held in previous years.

**Birthday & Anniversaries** were read by Julie Farley

**Swap and Sell-** Kevin Ress needs help with the back window of his coupe; the wood piece around the window has rotted so looking for help to replace the wood piece. Roy Farley is looking for 1928 AA spoked truck rims.

**Next Meeting- April 20<sup>th</sup>, Spring Tune-up located at Al & Lisa Bobier Home, 9am with 10am meeting.**

**Thanks to Host-** Thank You to Roy and Julie Farley and all the great staff at St. E's Marketplace

**Motion to Adjourn-** 1<sup>st</sup> Neal D. -; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timmy W.  
Submitted by Club Secretary Julie Farley

**NOTE: Post Meeting Update:**

Lyle Raymond Janke, age 65, of Town of Ellington passed away peacefully on Friday, March 22, 2024 after a battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, April 12th from 5 - 9 pm at Outagamie County Conservation Club, N3502 Mayflower Rd, Hortonville, WI 54944.

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**Rockford Model A Day Sunday, June 2nd - Clinton WI** The event runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and only Model A's will be allowed in the downtown area. Modern vehicles are welcome, but need to park elsewhere. Food, shopping, fun!



## CLASSIFIED ADS:

Classified ads, such as the ones seen here are free. To place your ad please contact the editor, Cindy Ellenbecker at 920-286-0971 or email your ad to: bhavenfiberarts@yahoo.com

Emailing your ad in your own words is best. Ads run for one month unless notified to run them again.

Ads are due the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month unless you want to get them into the other WI Model A newsletters; then I'll need them by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month because they have earlier deadlines. Ads are automatically shared with the other clubs if they arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Nickle A Club ads

**FOR SALE:** One set of front seat extension brackets for a Tudor Sedan. Extends approximately 5" in 1" increments. \$100.00. Don Paalman 920-540-0193

**For Sale:** Project! 1929 Model A Speedster Rootlieb Kit. Orig. engine & suspension. Chassis is completed. Fenders, running boards, aprons are painted & installed. New tires. Wheels are powder coated apple green. Body

## Barn Finds Are Getting Rarer, But Jim Found One!



Jim wasn't looking for another car or project, but sometimes you just have to seize the moment! He already has a 1928 Roadster Pick Up truck, which is finished, and he's working on as 1929 Model A roadster (complete Brookfield new body car). And those are only two of his many projects.

Jim recently restored two vintage campers and his oversize garage is still bursting at the seams. So, a couple of years ago he invested in a Car Condo at Woodfield, and this year he finds he needs to expand, so he's in the midst of building Car Condo #2 at Woodfield! Let it never be said that this retiree is bored!



Jim found his barn find at an estate sale which was not advertised. He was working at an event at the Auto Gallery and his neighbor mentioned it to him. The neighbor happened to be purchasing some steel grates for a friend's yard art project and was shown the car to see if he knew anyone that might be interested. Serendipity struck!

work done and is in epoxy primer. Car is 90% completed, has WI title. Have too many other projects. \$10,000 in parts alone, just want to break even on parts. All my labor on this project is FREE.

Contact Tom VanGemert, (920) 621-7994. (Finished car will look a lot like the picture below



**Wanted:** 1928 AA spoked truck rims. 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

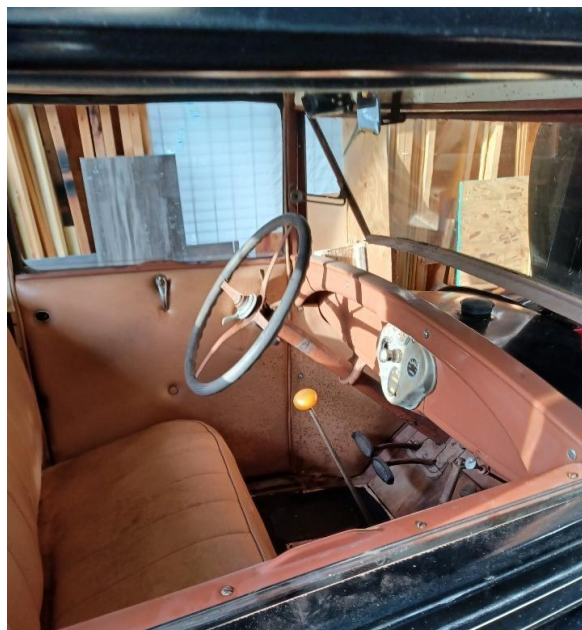
Contact John Shaetz 920-566-4652

**FOR SALE:** 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

At first, Jim said he was hesitant to add another project to his ever growing and not-so-shrinking “to do” list. But, he went to look at the car ---sitting on jack stands inside a concrete floor barn shaped garden shed-- hiding in plain sight since 1979. Jim noticed that it was a 1929 Ford A business coupe. For him, it was a perfect fit as he didn't want a car with a rumble seat. He wanted the trunk space.

Jim shared that as with all barn finds, the 1/4 inch of dust hid many of the flaws. According to Jim, the car seemed pleased to see the sun for the first time in 45 years!! However, inside were mice droppings galore and a few carcasses were discovered upon cleaning.

The trunk was filled with miscellaneous parts and electric motors. Overall, the car was solid and mostly original. Jim said that at one point in its life, probably in the 1950's, someone decided to put in padded interior with tuck-n-roll pleated vinyl seats. If it weren't for the mice, the interior would have been serviceable.



The intent of this addition to the Gilson fleet is to keep it original (He said he will enjoy the original patina.) and just make it safe to drive. Jim wanted a closed car so he can enjoy more Model A club tours. Cold wind and sometimes rain is not pleasant in an open car like a roadster, as some of you already know.

For now, Jim just wants to get his barn find running. The discovery processes are keeping him on his toes. Jim shared, “No wonder the car sat

for 45 years and didn't run –for starters, the dash was hanging by the speedometer and ignition cables, and the battery was installed backwards! Ford Model A's are positive ground cars not negative ground.”

Jim said he normally doesn't have names for his cars though "Barney" seems to fit the situation for this vehicle. His adult daughters, Kathyne and Kristine, picked up on the Dad humor right away and responded to his naming with laughing emojis. At least Jim's girls “get” their dad and his attraction to all things vintage, particularly if it has wheels!

As Jim says, “It's all about the journey!” And now, Jim has wheels for any journey! *(thanks to George Mattson for suggesting this article)*

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.

### Wisconsin Region MARC (Madison)

**For Sale:** 1930 Model A Ford Town Sedan, formerly owned by Ed Moehrke. Blue with gray wheels. Good driver, could use cosmetics on exterior, interior not original. Accepting offers. Warren, (608) 838-8668.

**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 pics at [www.concklin.net](http://www.concklin.net)

**For Sale:** 4 - 18" Wide White All State Model A Tires - 5.25/5.50. Wheels are yellow with 4 Stainless Ford Center Caps. \$395 OBO. Contact John or Jack at (608) 873-5264.

**For Sale:** 1930 good solid Model A Driver Side Front Fender with a spare tire well. \$195 OBO. Contact John or Jack at (608) 873-5264.  
**For Sale:** 1926-27 Model T engine for sale,



### 47th Annual Spring Jefferson Auto Swap Meet & Car Show April 26-27

The Madison Classic's Spring Jefferson Car Show and Auto Swap Meet is one of the largest car shows in the Midwest! For the auto enthusiasts this swap meet boasts thousands of car parts and car accessory vendors making it a great place to buy or sell those hard to find car parts.

For those looking to buy or sell cars, the Cars for Sale Corral is full of 100's of cars of all makes and models for sale! You are sure to find great bargains on awesome cars, car parts, and car accessories at the Spring Jefferson Swap Meet and Car Show!

Spectator Hours: April 26 8am-4pm & April 27 6am-4pm. Come join all the fun at the Spring Jefferson Swap Meet and Car Show! Friday & Saturday \$15.00 per adult is the spectator admission parking included. **No pets, please.**



with starter, generator & pedals. Does run, just a little 'tired', has never been rebuilt. \$200 OBO. Call/Text Tony, (920) 350-2291.

**Wanted:** Package Tray and Rear Garnish Window Moulding for a 1929 Model A Coupe. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057.

**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) 350-2291.

**Central WI Chapter ads**  
**Wisconsin Rapids**

**FOR SALE:** Eight 28-29 Model-A rims measuring 21 inches in diameter. Asking \$25 each obo. Call Joe Keller at 715-803-9256 or Chris Keller at 715-432-2798.

**WANTED:** Cowl lights for a 1931 roadster. Please call or text Dave at 715-213-5846.




**Wheeling A's Wisconsin Chapter ads**

No ads this month

**LUCKY DOG'Z BAR & NEENAH AMERICAN LEGION  
MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW**

**MONDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**PLATE LUNCHESES, BRATS, BURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, SODA, WATER  
UNIT 33 AUXILIARY BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE**



**ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 PER VEHICLE**

**Best of Show Award**

**CLASSES: 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AWARDS**

A. Stock 1900-1949	J. Street Rods 1900-1949
B. Stock 1950-1959	K. Traditional Rods
C. Stock 1960-1964	L. Modified Cars 1950-1959
D. Stock 1965-1969	M. Modified Cars 1960-1969
E. Stock 1970-1974	N. Modified Cars 1970-1990
F. Stock 1975-1990	O. Corvettes / Sports Cars thru '90
G. Stock Conv. 1900-1990	P. Imports & Kit Cars thru 1990
H. Stock Trucks 1900-1990	<b>BEST OF SHOW</b>
I. Modified Trucks 1900-1990	

**FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM @ 920-450-7770**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 AM  
AWARDS AT 3:00 PM**

**LOCATED AT THE NEENAH LABOR TEMPLE  
157 S. GREEN BAY RD., NEENAH**

That would be Tom Schmidt --our Tom-- the Toolman!



## April Anniversaries

Ralph/Mary Hayden

Mark/Karen  
Kranzusch

Roger/Christine  
Whitton



## April Birthdays

Raquel Arenas-Grube

Steve Bunnaw

Tim Doleysh

Richard Fink  
Arden Gasser

Scott Hoenke

Debbie Muelemans

Peg Olk

Tom Steinfeldt

Christine Whitton

## MAFFI Minute

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to



help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.

"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm>, or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"



Happy Motoring,

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary



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“The Car that  
Moved America  
Forward” by Mark  
Phelan

“In less than a year  
–Oct. 1, 1908 – the  
first Ford Model T  
would roll out of the  
plant on Piquette  
Avenue. The  
factory turns 120  
years old in 2024.”

“ . . . within a  
decade, Ford would  
be the U.S. sales  
leader and more  
than half the cars *in  
the world* would be  
Model T’s. Henry’s  
vision all along was  
for a car for the  
masses. All Ford’s  
competitors built  
cars for the rich  
people.”

“ . . . Ford’s creation  
put automobile  
ownership with  
reach of the people  
with average means  
and as a result,  
accelerated  
American’s  
transition from a  
rural to urban  
society.”



Not only are these ladies working to assemble Model A’s, but they are doing so in dresses and heels!

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Nickle A Model A Club and send them to  
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