



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



Model A'ers,

It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about officers for 2024. According to our by-laws:

"There will be a nominating committee of 3 people appointed at the August meeting. (Cindy Ellenbecker, Bob Hegner, and Phyllis Moss volunteered.) Additionally, nominations shall be taken from the floor during the October meeting. A decision by a simple majority present is needed

to accept nominations. All members shall be notified of candidates in a forthcoming election by announcements in the Regional Newsletter one month prior to the election

Election will be held at the November club meeting"

Typically, people would like to know what the duties of each of these open positions are before considering a run for office: The Director responsibilities from our by-laws are:

DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Preside over monthly membership meetings
2. Preside over the annual Christmas party
3. Insure that the responsibilities assigned to all elected and volunteer positions are carried out in a professional manner in accordance with the club by-laws and policies
4. Provide contact information to the club webmaster for inclusion on the club website
5. Represent the club in a manner consistent with its mission of restoring and preserving the Model "A" Ford automobile as manufactured from 1928-1931
6. Annually, during the month of April, appoint an audit committee of two or more club members (not more than 4) other than the treasurer to audit the club financial records and make an annotation (signature) record of the task.
7. Place a statement in the next monthly newsletter that the task was completed
8. Maintain a printed file of the monthly and annual Treasurer's report

See pages 8 & 9 of newsletter for the responsibilities of the other available positions and consider throwing your hat in the ring by contacting one of the 3 people listed in my first paragraph. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Model A'ers and make new friends!

Motor on . . . Roy

August 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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Positions
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Upcoming Nickle A Meetings

September Meeting
Hosted by Ray and
Joyce Schmoeker at the
Vandenbroek
Community Center,
6p.m.
W2030 Cty JJ,
Kaukauna, WI
(Psst: It's their 65th
wedding anniversary
too!)

The meeting was held at The Moss Farm for the Annual Corn Roast with 59 members present. Meeting called to order at 2:05p.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance. Car Games are set-up for after the meeting, Rebecca did a fun little game about Henry Ford.

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read by Fred Pennings 1st G. Hegner; 2nd S. Moore

Secretary's Report - Approved as in newsletter. 1st J. Watermolen; 2nd T. Schmidt

Vice Director's Report - Attendance Sign-Up was passed around. Want to host a meeting? We still have November meeting open. Bob Hegner received a trophy for a restoration finish. Fall Tour is October 7th to Hartford, would ONLY be going to an auto museum. This would be a day trip. Bill Lindsley offered to lead the Fall Tour.

Librarian's Report - books available, let Mary Lou or Gene Hegner know if interested in checking out a book. We will have an updated list of books soon.

Donna's Sunshine Report- Dave Slattebo is receiving a bone marrow transplant and will be hospitalized for couple months. We send you our love and prayers, Dave!

Old Business-

- Fred Pennings is collecting dues for 2024.
- Road America, September 30th- 12 cars signed up for far. Meet at the track at 11am, parking in the VIP. Kevin Ress has 2 different magnets for our Model A's for the photo if you choose to use one. Also, a certificate when you finish the race around the track. It's a 4-mile track so may be able to get 1-3 laps in.
- Iola Car Show- Show went really well, Iola Corporation didn't receive one complaint from the vendors. We don't know the income yet from the show. The A-Team went last week Wednesday (7 guys) and built 8 counters. Joe Marx is working on the lay out and the materials for a potential permanent shelter instead of the canopy tent ----right next to the swap shack.

New Business-

- Need 3 members to form a Committee for nominating officers for the next year. (Cindy Ellenbecker, Bob Hegner, and Phyllis Moss volunteered.) New name tags will be made and handed out. Wear your name tag to be entered into a drawing.
- License to Cruise in Downtown Appleton, Friday September 29th. It's an all-day event; 11am is the staging on Lawrence Street. Model A's are 1st to park on College Ave. Let Tom Schmidt know if you're interested in participating.
- Jerry and Mary went to Hamilton, Ohio for the National MARC Meet; there were about 300 Model A cars in attendance. MARC Board of Directors discussed that future meets may be only 4 days due to the cost of hotels.

David Fritz Award- Congratulations Lonzin Hegner! Lonzin is 11 years old working on a doodle bug. This award presented \$500 to him for his project.

Birthday & Anniversaries were read by Alan Grube

Swap and Sell- Wanted- oil cap for Model A; contact Fred Pennings.

Next Meeting- Hosts:Ray and Joyce Schmoeker, September 20 6p.m.,at Vandenbrooke Town Hall on JJ in Kaukauna

Motion to Adjourn- 1st -J. Watermolen; 2nd L. Krause

Minutes Submitted by Julie Farley. Secretary

October Meeting

Hosted by Tom Schmidt and Steve Moore/Cindy Ellenbecker on Saturday, October 14 at the Winchester Town Hall. 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts. One of the last chances to drive that A to a meeting!!

Event Calendar

September 4, 2023

Oshkosh Labor Day Car Show.
Live music, no trophies, no judging, no hassle, just come and have fun!
At South Park in Oshkosh.

September 15-16, 2023

Model A Days Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

September 16, 2023

Nueske's 90th Anniversary Car Show
1390 E. Grand Ave.
Wittenberg, WI
Contact Nicole Hartjes at 920-939-6742

September 22-24, 2023

Jefferson Swap Meet,
Jefferson, WI

September 30, 2023

Road America
Opportunity for Model A'ers. Contact Kevin Ress 920-403-7802
kevinress@yahoo.com

October 7, 2023 Fall
Tour to Hartford Car Museum. Contact Bill Lindsley. [920-639-1135](tel:920-639-1135)
or wmlind@yahoo.com

Model A'ers celebrating: a birthday, a Wisconsin Model A reunion, and a corn roast with car games, a restoration completed, a youth award, successful appreciation party (Iola) . . . we've been a busy club!

Jim Hameister (red shirt, third from left) celebrates his 84th birthday in August with Model A friends at Two of a Kind in Dundas, WI! How many shots did you do, Jim????



Member help/advice needed – request from Steve Bieszki

“I had an issue with the oil pump in my Model A and ended up blowing the engine on my car. I am now rebuilding a new engine. Does anyone know of a local machine engine shop that they have done business with, and is reasonable. I need to have the engine bored and sleeves. I would like to have a long block done.”

You can reach me via email at stbieszki@gmail.com text at 920-229-2319, or call at the same number, I do work between 2pm and 10:30 pm and am not able to answer my phone at work.

CLASSIFIEDS
Nickle A Club ads



FOR SALE : Model A Truck Named “Bumble Bee” \$7,500

Upgrades include 4 speed overdrive trans. 16” wheels with hydraulic brakes

Contact Dick Ziegert 920-725-7810, [E-mail polka635@yahoo.com](mailto:mail_polka635@yahoo.com)

FOR SALE: 1929 Tudor Sedan Very good condition. Has not been used for a number of years, but it is stored

2023 WI Rapids Model A Reunion Revelers! Krause and Meulemans family ---just waking up from a long night around the campfire!!



It wasn't just corn for food at the corn roast!! And how fitting to be in an old dairy barn all decked out for entertaining!



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.

**Wheeling A's,
Wauwautosa, WI ads**

FOR SALE: 1931 Ford A 1/4 ton pickup. Restored 3 yrs ago. Runs and drives, blue with black fenders. New glass, interior, paint & tires. Excellent condition \$18,500. OBO Call Frank Kostopoulos 262-903-3884 Palmyra, WI

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Coupe I remember when car was delivered on a flatbed truck from, I believe some Western State. My brother-in-law started restoring car 1984. He finished restoration around 2005. He passed away 2015 and car was given to me 2015 I used it very little and have decided to sell car. Price \$15,500. Call Leo at 262-352-5766 if you have any questions or would like to see car.

Non-member/club ads:

For Sale: 1229 Fordor, Briggs body, original upholstery. Low mileage on engine rebuild. Call Craig Fuhrman (Appleton) 920-739-1981

Cars below all lined up at the Corn Roast ready for car games!



Another restoration under his belt: Bob Hegner takes home his trophy welcoming his 1929 Model A Tudor to the club!



11- year-old Lonzin Hegner proudly standing before 59 club members sharing what he has accomplished thus far in restoring his Doodlebug -- just prior to receiving the David Fritz Young Restorers award of \$500.00 cash award to help with parts and supplies!

P.S. He can also drive a Model A well enough to beat out some of the adults in car games!!

You're our future, Lonzin!!

For Sale: Tools from a Model A and some old lic. plates. I restored one and then sold it but kept these. If anybody can use them, I would like \$ 175 for them. The price is not firm so offers would be ok. My phone number is 608-788-1916 and I live in La Crosse.



Central WI Chapter ads Wisconsin Rapids

FOR SALE: Model "A"
Parts:1931 Radiator
Shell \$100.00; Rebuilt 6
volt starter motor set
up with wire terminal
(A-11002) \$150.00
6 Volt starter motor
(good used) \$100.00;
Modern starter drive
(A-11350M)
new. \$40.00
Starter switch (A-
11450) new \$25.00;
Rebuilt Distributor (A-
12130) \$125.00
Modern Distributor Cap
(A12105)
new \$30.00 Ed
Wagner 608-235-8545

For Sale: K. R. Wilson
Model A main bearing
tools. Includes base
plate for combination
machine,
pouring frame with 2
dams, false cam, boring
frame and rear main

2024 Model A Reunion Planning Meeting The Planning Meeting for the 2024 Wisconsin Model A Reunion will be held at 11:30 a.m. on October 28th, 2023, at the Nekimi Town Hall. This meeting brings members from each of the four clubs together to plan for an exciting weekend in July. The Town Hall is located at the intersection of Highway 26 and County N, south of Oshkosh, and west of the intersection of Interstate 41 and State Highway 26. If you have ideas and suggestions for next year's Reunion, and cannot attend this meeting, please contact someone in your local club who is able to or e-mail the Reunion's web site at wirapidsmodela@gmail.com. As a reminder, the 2024 Reunion dates have been tentatively set as July 26th, 27th, and 28th.

Bob Hegner's latest Model A restoration is a 1929 Tudor; it's Vagabond Green with Rock Moss, the color the judging standards call for in a May 1929 model.



Bob Hegner's car has a long history in the Hegner family. Years ago, when Bob came back from the Air Force, he saw a Model A in dad's garage; it turned out that his dad purchased the vehicle. Dad didn't get it restored so Ken Hegner bought it, but then he got married and started raising family and the restoration was again on hold. Ken asked Bob if he wanted the car, so Bob took over ownership. Bob has had the car quite some time and Bob's wife, Ellen, sort of spurred him on recently to get the car done.

Bob heard about Tony's Hot Rod shop in Antigo and was pleased at how fast they got at working on his car. Bob said there was lots of welding to be done on the car. Additionally, he learned that the body was shifted to one side and that had to be fixed.

Bob, Ken, and Gene also made a trip to Antigo to get some things done on the car that they take care of. The interior kit was from Classtique and the upholstery work was done by Kegler's Custom Interiors. Bob put all the glass in the car and the top on it.

facing tool. \$900
Brendan Doughty 715-
886-5051

September Anniversaries

George/Kathy Bresnahan
Randy/Jenny Burhop
David/Lia Froelich
Larry/Sharon Krause
Chuck/Cathy Lukas
Jim/Sherry McCabe
Don/Marlene Paalman
Kris/Deb Peterson
David/Kayla Pietila
Jeremy/Brooke Reichwald
Ray/Joyce Schmoeker
Tom/Carolyn Steinfeldt
Gary/Diane Vosters
Mike/Tina Watermolen
Robert/Jean Woefel
Dick/Karen Ziegert



September Birthdays

Dan Agnello
George Bresnahan
Colleen Garrigan
Linda Green
Herb Grube
Pebbles Hegner
Patricia Heider
Karen Hockers
George Mattson
Jim McCabe
Gary Meulemans
Steve Moore
Kris Peterson
John Schaez

Bob said he knew the rule of thumb with Model A's is that you need to check to make sure the frame is straight, and when the hood didn't line up, he knew what the problem was! An I-Beam and some clever work got that problem solved!

Bob commented that the motor for the car had sat upside down for 3 years, but it works like a charm now and the exhaust system sounds like a Model A should! He's pleased with the end result and the club is happy to have another Model A on the road ---thank you Ellen for the nudge to Bob!!

Snapshots of the lola's Worker's Appreciation party . . .



graciously hosted once again by Fred Pennings and his bride, Joan. Fred Pennings, Lisa Watermolen, and Julie Farley pictured to the left

Pat Campbell, Gene Hegner (in doorway), and Dennis Voss to the right.



To the left: Brian Stecker, Tom Schmidt, George Bresnahan, and Ray Schmoeker

Model A Ford Foundation Inc (MAFFI)

Model A Days are September 15-16, 2023. The theme for this year is "**Open Cars**". There will be a special gate access to Model A parking. A two-day swap meet is planned. You will be able to "**Ride-the-A**" around the Gilmore campus in a Model A car, AA stake bed truck and/or maybe even a Model A school bus. (Drivers are Nickle A members!!) There will be a Model A driving school for those who have registered for this activity.

September Birthdays

(cont.)

Dee Scheffel
Vicki Schmidt
Cathy Seidel
Joe Skaleski
Paul Stephany
Jim Watermolen
Tim Welch
Jacob Woefel



In case anyone is interested in the editor's job, here is the info. Cindy will continue to do it unless someone else wants to try their hand!

EDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

(volunteer position):

1. Compose, edit and distribute the monthly Nickle "A" Newsletter
2. The overall newsletter format is at the discretion of the editor and the club officers but will contain:

-the minutes of the monthly club meetings as submitted by the

A catered dinner with a tour of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary as well as a tour of the Kellogg Manor House is planned, (these require pre-registration). Seminars will include a fashion seminar; a technical seminar-The ABC's of the Model A Engine; a touring seminar-Road-Trip 101(this seminar by Nickle A members); and a special guest speaking on the Great Race. There will again be a MAFFI sales table with MAFFI t-shirts, lapel pins, and hoodies to name a few items.

The Henry Ford Heritage Association will be in attendance. A Jazz Band will perform. Some special rate rooms may still be available, although they are filling up. All of this is happening at Hickory Corners, Michigan. For more information and registration procedures, visit the MAFFI web page. ***Come visit; what a way for Model A folks to end the summer season for 2023!***

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI Board of Trustees, Secretary

FALL TOUR, OCTOBER 7, 2023 to Hartford, WI (one day only)

Bill Lindsley leading the tour; let Bill know if you will be joining
920-639-1135 or wmlind@yahoo.com

The high caliber Kissel automobiles were manufactured in Hartford 1906 – 1931, making Kissel the second longest car manufacturer in Wisconsin. Of the 27,000 produced fewer than 150 are known to exist today, with 27 currently exhibited at the museum.

Officer responsibilities from By-Laws to look over to think about running for office!

VICE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

-- Conduct club meetings if the director is unavailable

1. Assume the duties of the tour chairman and plan spring and fall tours or ask for volunteers to assist
2. Record and tally attendance at monthly meeting.
3. Order and present trophies, ribbons, plaques and make presentations at the annual Christmas Party
4. Collect mileage by the November club meeting on a form provided by the Vice Director.
5. Forward total annual mileage received from each of the member's cars to MARC. MARC vehicles must be registered with the national group
6. Keep and conduct an annual audit of club supplies each February (i.e. trophy heads, club thermos bottles, club paper cutter, and tour supplies such as flags)
7. Keep the newsletter editor informed of future events, dates and changes when they occur
8. Assemble meeting locations/hosts for each calendar year by the end of November and submit to editor.

TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Maintain a record of all savings, deposits and withdrawals. (If available, use Quicken for savings, checking & reports)

club secretary but will not contain the itemized treasurer's report

-a list of coming events including dates, times, of the meeting place and general information

-appropriate articles/photographs submitted by club officers or members

3. The editor will maintain a file of all member addresses for all labels and e-mail addresses obtained from the registration form submitted from the treasurer. The file should include

-- birthdays,

--anniversaries,

--telephone numbers, -

--e-mail addresses,

--Model A vehicles owned by members,

and the dates the member joined the club, if provided .

4. Forward all appropriate electronic messages and mail correspondence to the director and vice director that pertain to club business or activities.

5. Coordinate information with other car clubs for mutual events and information such as For Sale and Wanted items

2. Maintain the club checkbook. Enter all deposits and a complete record of checks in the transaction register
3. Reconcile statements monthly from the credit union (bank)
4. Make deposits within one week of receipt of cash or check and file deposit slips in a labeled folder
5. Keep the credit union (bank) signature form updated; Current Treasurer and Director's names must be on this form; Update yearly at change of officers.
6. Prepare monthly Treasurer Report. Keep a copy for your file and one copy to the Director.
7. Maintain a monthly updated club Membership Roster. The roster will contain the member's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, birthdays, anniversaries, and date club dues were paid. The roster updates must be sent to the Editor, as changes are made to maintain mail labels & e-mail addresses and to insure that the "Nickle A News" is delivered on time to all members.
8. Set out money collection container at monthly meetings. Add money collected at monthly meetings and turn funds over to host(s). Reconcile the amount, if any, due host after collection is taken.
9. Insure annual audit of club records by two or more club members (not more than 4 others).
10. Keep records of what needs to be filed when and of new reporting laws to pass onto incoming treasurer.

SECRETARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Record a summary of the minutes of all club meetings and special club committee meetings and provide a copy to the director and board members
2. Provides copies of committee meetings minutes to each committee member
3. Provides a copy of the monthly club meeting to the editor to be included in the next newsletter
4. Retain a file copy of all meetings recorded. File to be passed to next elected secretary
5. Maintain file of all motions passed by club members. Those affecting bylaws should be highlighted and recorded separate to insure the laws are amended and updated each year
6. Maintain and distribute a welcome packer to each new member. Packets will contain: name tags for the member, spouse/partner if appropriate, a copy of the club bylaws, and a wallet directory of all club members, a welcome letter explaining when meetings are held and how they can participate. The new members should be told that many club members will be glad to help them with any of their car problems
7. Record all correspondence as determined by the club Director in a ledger or on a computer. Update club welcome packet annually

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 _____

Military: Branch of Service _____ Years Served _____

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