



Nickle 'A' News

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December 2023



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:

At this joyful time of year, Julie and I would like to express our gratitude to all the Model A members; you are what make this club so great and so much fun. Together we accomplish a lot in a year's time: lola work, great road trips, fun meetings, charity contributions, and lasting friendships that emerge from being in the company of like-minded folks.

And as much as this time of year is about celebrating, let's not forget our members that are dealing with surgeries and long term illnesses. A card, a call, and/or a visit would probably be really appreciated, especially at this time of year.

I always look forward to the Nickle A Christmas Party as the culmination of all things fun at year's end; it's always been our most well attended and loved event. We can't wait to see you there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Members and families

Roy and Julie Farley



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Event Calendar

Nickle A Christmas Party

Date- Sunday,
December 10th

Place- Van Abel's of
Hollandtown
8108 County Road D
Kaukauna, WI 54130

Arrival time 11:00am
Dinner at 12:30p



CLASSIC RESTORATION SHOP AUCTION COMING UP

Thiel and Thiel Real Estate &
Auction

Phone: [920-374-0501](tel:920-374-0501)

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AUCTION

Website: www.thielandthielauctions.com

Thiel and Thiel Auction Service is liquidating Midwest Classic Restoration in Hobart, WI on

Date(s) 12/2/2023

Live Sale on December 2nd 2023 10 AM Sharp. Bid online or live.

To settle the Stuck Estate we are liquidating all the cars, trucks, trailers, tools, vintage parts. December 2nd is the Live and online sale (simulcast) with 100's of items. Semi trailers full of parts, vehicles, and more. Please keep watching for more photos as we get closer to this LIVE AUCTION.

Thiel Real Estate & Auctions

Chilton, WI 53014

Tel: [920-849-2222](tel:920-849-2222)

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 Ctyt 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 tabl and admittance for two people.

Cost- \$10 club member
\$20 non-club member
no-refunds

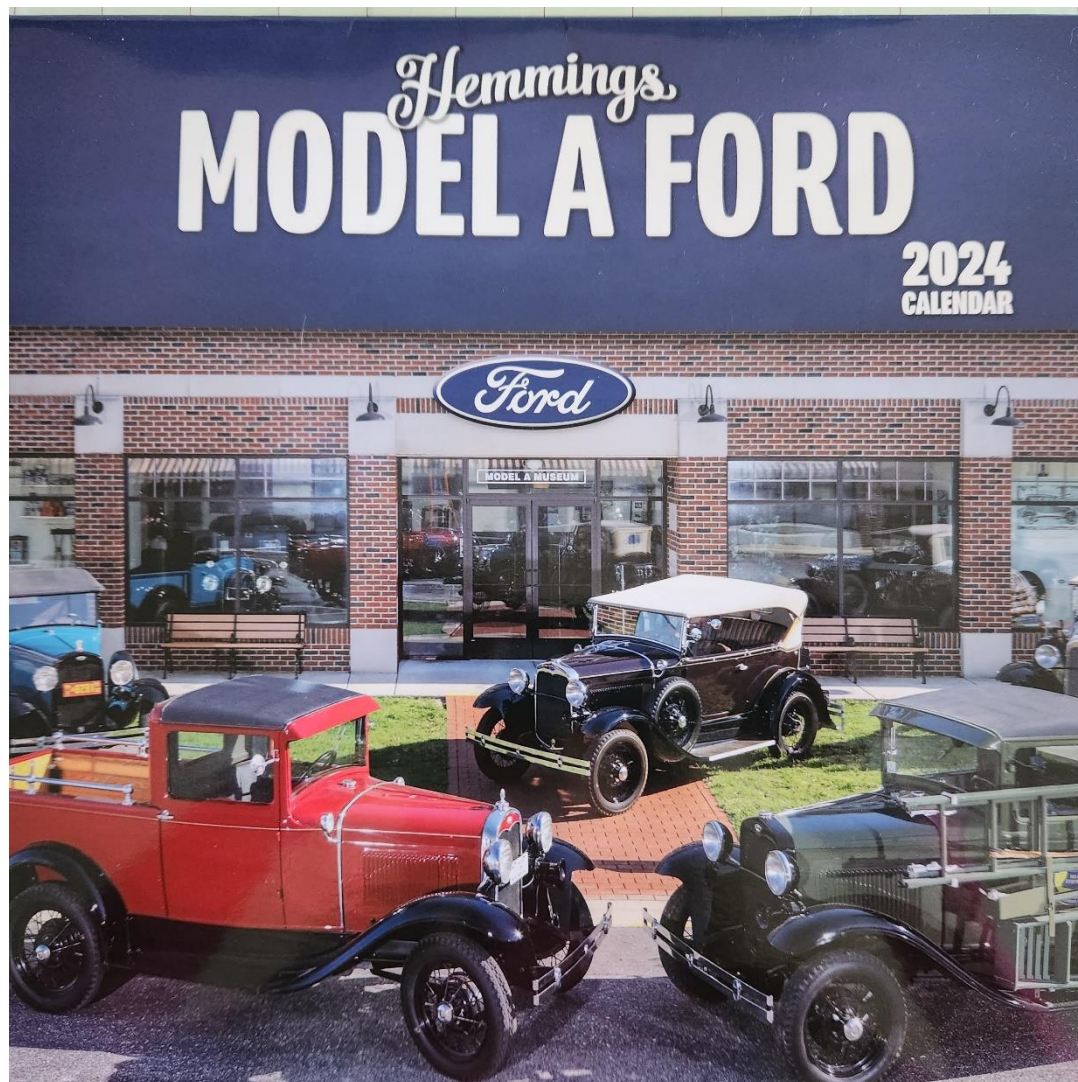
Payment Deadline-
November 27th

Make checks payable to Julie Farley
2731 State Highway
57 Deere, WI 54115

There will be Door prizes, 50/50 raffle and Raffle baskets, if you would like to donate a basket to raffle off, it would be greatly appreciated and so fun. And we're going to play PLINKO!!!

Feb, 25, 2024
58th Annual
Greater Milwaukee
Area Winter Swap
Meet
Washington County
Fairgrounds, 3000
Cty Hwy PV
(Pleasant Valley
Road)
West Bend, WI
53095

July 15-18, 2024
MARC National Meet
Asheville, NC
(save the date)
For more
information, call Paul
Ganninger
314-852-5591 or
Email
MARCMEET2024@
gmail.com



Hemmings 2024 Model A Calendar available to order for \$14.95 plus \$5.95 shipping. Go to [Hemmings.com/calendars](https://www.hemmings.com/calendars) or

Call 800-227-4373, ext. 79550 or

Order by Mail: Hemmings Calendars. P.O. Box 76-CALC23, Bennington, VT 05201

Sad news: Member Mark Bresnahan, son of members George and Kathy Bresnahan, and husband to Jennifer lost his battle with cancer this week. Memorials in Mark's name are appreciated to Zero Prostate Cancer ([zerocancer.org](https://www.zerocancer.org)) or Prostate Cancer Foundation ([pcf.org](https://www.pcf.org)).

Visitation information Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Kessler-Fahrenkrug Funeral Home
304 S. Commercial Street
Neenah, WI 54956

CLASSIFIEDS

Nickle A Club ads

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)

Contact: Ray Schmoeker 920-766-1273

FOR SALE: Model A’s from the estate of Scott Steinfeldt:

1930 Ford 4 dr. Town Sedan (very clean) \$27,500

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.



TUESDAY TOURS REINSTATED for summer 2024!

Afterall, driving our Model A’s is in the mission statement:

The Nickle “A” Region of Wisconsin is dedicated to the restoration, **driving**, and preservation of the Model “A” Ford Automobile from 1928-1931. See Jim Hameister to get on the list to be notified of time and departure location for summers. People will be notified by text or phone call.

Don’t like Tuesday for a tour? Plan one for another day and let Jim Hameister, Ralph Hayden, or Fred Pennings know when and where to meet. They’ll get the word out.

Think the tours are all starting too far from your house? Plan one for another day and let Jim Hameister, Ralph Hayden, or Fred Pennings know when and where to meet. They’ll get the word out.

Nickle A Model A Holiday Party

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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 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 Kstroupe65@gmail.com Stoupe car has many pictures available. Car is an eye catching red!



Wisconsin Region MARC (Madison)
For Sale: Model A frame, \$600.

Party Agenda: 11:00 a.m. – drinks and social/ bucket raffles; 50/50 raffle tickets; door prize ticket at entry
12:30 p.m. Grace - Chaplain Fred Pennings
Meal Service
1:30 p.m. Brief meeting
2:30 p.m. Awards; raffle drawings, door prizes

Main Course: chicken & dressing; tenderloin tips, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, & cranberries

Dessert: assorted selection

Beverages: coffee, water, milk

Nickle A Region one again shows its dedication and resourcefulness at IOLA

by Fred Pennings

On Saturday, November 18, a group of seven members headed to IOLA to clean out the library of numismatic and car related books, periodicals, supplies, and whatever from a huge, probably 40 x 60 foot room, that was home for all this since who knows when.

The members included Joe Marx, Jim Hameister, Lloyd Gauerke, Tim Welch & friend Kenny, Mike Switzer, and me. The resourcefulness started with Joe being friends with the local recycling firm and asking them to borrow a truck and 40 cubic yard dumpster to load this stuff into. Joe has a



CDL license and offered to drive the truck to IOLA, we'd fill it, then return to Appleton where the recycling firm could sell the contents. They soon realized the contents wouldn't hardly cover the cost of the fuel and truck wear and tear for the trip but were willing to accommodate Joe and the non-profit IOLA entity. The dumpster on the truck as I said was a 40 cubic yard variety and it was filled to 2/3-3/4 capacity. Upon returning to Appleton Joe weighed the truck/dumpster combination and came up with 49,000 lbs. Monday they re-weighed and found

Contact Don McCord, (608) 835-5627.

Wanted: Headlight reflectors for Model A. Switching to LED, so they don't need to be perfect, but would want them presentable. Tony, (920) 478-4541.

Wanted: Headlight bar for '30-'31. Jim, (608) 575-9057 or (608) 924-1075.

For Sale: 1926 Model T coupe. Drive able & complete, new tires & engine, orig. block included. \$8,000, OBO. Tony, (920) 478-4541

For Sale: Complete Model B diamond block motor & trans. Does turn over by hand; incl. starter, generator, fuel pump, water pump, manifolds, carburetor, distributor & radiator. All mounted on a wheeled engine stand that is included. \$900 for everything, cash only. Jim (608) 235-2364.

For Sale: Very rough pair of 1931 Model A front fenders. Good for rat rod or yard art. \$75 for the pair,

the crew loaded 11,900 lbs. from the library. That, of course, is 100 lbs. shy of six tons which is impressive enough but then consider it was done one wheel barrel at a time.

The process was to locate a wheel barrel inside the library, fill it, wheel it out to the loading dock where the tractor with a bucket waited to have the contents dumped into it. Then the tractor backed out, traveled to the dumpster to unload. Considering the bucket was approximately 1 ¼ yards and we filled 30 yards we repeated the process 20-30 times. It was most efficient for me to stay in the tractor facing the bucket and what I saw was six Energizer Bunnies focusing on the task at hand ----back and forth in the wink of an eye.

Very quickly we realized the diesel smoke from the tractor was having a less than optimal effect on the air quality in the building, so I was advised it would be a good idea to shut the tractor off while the bucket was being filled. "Being advised" is a very polite way of saying "how" I was told to "shut it off"!! And, shutting the tractor off and then restarting it was quite a chore since the tractor is an industrial piece of equipment with more safety features than an OTIS elevator in a New York City office building!

This whole process took about three hours including a mid-morning break for donuts and milk. We were having pizza for lunch at 11:50.

All in all, we had a very productive and fun day. Joe Opperman, the lola Executive Director, was on hand to get us going, give me instructions on the tractor, supply the pizza, and let us know how getting this project off the list in a very timely and efficient manner, was very, very, much appreciated. His final words were something to the effect that you guys never cease to amaze me!!

Being the lola liaison, I'll add my thanks to you guys for another job well done!



It's that time again to report your annual mileage!

You **MUST** use the form below and you **MUST** mail the form to Bill Lindsley, 1015 Springfield Drive, De Pere, WI 54115 **no later than December 1, 2023**. Mileage reported

after that time will not be recorded. Our local club does awards for

cash only. Jim (608) 235-2364.

For Sale: 1930 Town Sedan Deluxe. Frame up rebuild, intended for Touring Class judging. New wood, exclusive Ford Maroon, painted stripe, new Firestone tires, professionally installed L-B interior. Really nice car. 28k or good offer. Richard Concklin, (608) 221-2198.

Wheeling A's Wisconsin Chapter ads

No ads this month

Central WI Chapter ads
Wisconsin Rapids

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

FOR SALE: 1930 A' 4 door, \$15,000 or OBO Daniel Matson 608-548-2913, N9797 9th Avenue, Necedah, WI

FOR SALE: Doodle Bug. \$550.00 or OBO Call 715-393-5383

mileage and MARC National also does mileage awards at milestone increments.

(However, in order to be eligible for MARC National awards, you have to be a member of MARC National. The MARC dues are \$50.00 per year and to be in the national mileage program is only an additional \$1.00 . You must fill out the national form and mail this form to Bill as well IF you haven't registered and paid the national \$1.00 at an earlier time. The form is available on MARC's website.) This newsletter article is a reminder if you haven't sent your mileage in AND if you are new to tracking, it's a help to know how to get started.

This is from our local by-laws:

A major intent of the Nickle A Club is to make use of the Model "A" Ford. The club will award a plaque each year to the members who drive a minimum of 1,000 miles with their car according to the following guidelines:

1. Mileage for the year recorded from the odometer and mailed. Newly acquired, completed or previously unregistered Model "A"s may be registered with the vice-director at any time during the year
2. Members driving more than one Model "A" may turn in all mileage which will be totaled.
3. Awards are to consist of a plaque engraved with the mileage driven and the year of the award. The plaques will be blue in color with the exception of the highest mileage driven by a member for the year, which will be red.

Name	Vehicle I.D.	Year	Body Style	Odometer reading as of Jan. 1, 2023	Odometer reading as of Dec 1, 2023	Miles drive n in 2023	MARC National .I D. #

Thank you, Bill Lindsley

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

December Anniversaries

Gary/Deb Meulemans



December Birthdays

Anna Jane Dietrich
Jill Dolyesh
Bob Fischer
Lois Gauerke
Sandy Justinger
Randy McCarry
Marilyn Mead
William Mohr
Les Ponto
Alex Raeder
Austin Raeder
Tom Schmidt
Barb Schmitz
Joyce Schmoeker
Craig Vosters



MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation Inc) Minute

Holiday Greetings! MAFFI Trustees Jerry Dennany and Jerry Morrissey, along with their Grape Country Model A Club crew, have been out at the museum maintaining and fixing the museum's Model A's. They just finished removing and repairing an engine and a transmission in a 1929 Tudor. Next up for work is a 1928 Tudor. Meanwhile, Executive Director, John



Marshall, and his crew just finished holiday decoration at the museum. The outdoor lighting displays at the 90 acre campus are magical and the indoor museum exhibits make for nostalgic memories. If you haven't visited the museum during the holiday season, it's worth putting on your bucket list! There

are a variety of family activities, so everyone can have a great time.

Fundraising for the Model A expansion continues with the Opening planned for 2025. All contributors will be recognized prominently in a wing of our museum.

Happy Holiday Season,
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary,
MAFFI Board of Trustees

** MAFFI Minute is sent out monthly nationwide to all Model A Club newsletter editors to share with their local clubs so that clubs know what is happening at the museum 😊



I (Cindy) inadvertently missed **Larry Krause** as one of our **veterans** in last month's newsletter. Thank him when you see him!



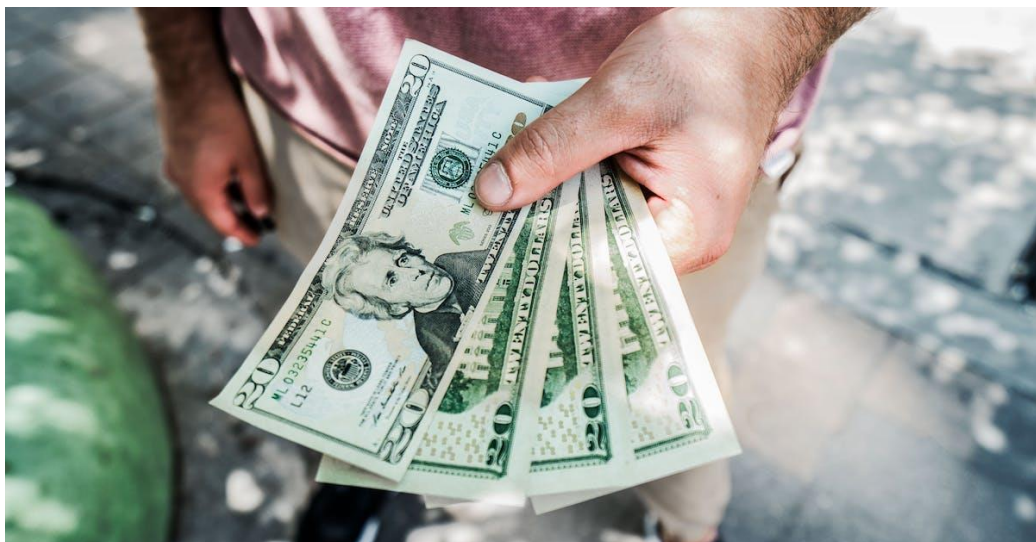
Nickle A Editor's Note:

Pictures, articles, classified ads are due to Editor, Cindy Ellenbecker (bhavenfiberarts@yahoo.com) no later than the 24th 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



It's time to pay your 2024 dues. Fred Pennings needs the \$20 no later than December 1 to keep you on our roster and to keep the newsletter rolling in 😊
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 _____

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

something with your talking and my typing!

We don't want good stuff to go unpublished and not shared with members!

More Sad News Just Received prior to the editor's pushing "send"

New(er) member Scott Stevens passed away suddenly Friday, Nov. 17.

A memorial service for Scott will be held at First Lutheran Church, Ogdensburg, on Friday, November 24th, 2023, at 11:30am with Rev. Mary Bope officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the church Friday from 10:00am until the time of service. Lunch and fellowship will be held at Bear Lake Resort, Manawa following the service. Scott will be laid to rest in the Little Wolf Cemetery, Manawa.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Manawa Fish and

November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Freedom City Hall with 42 members present; no guests this meeting. Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.



Directors Report- Officers for 2024 have been nominated and all nominations were accepted. 2024 club officers are Roy Farley, Fred Pennings, Jim Hamister and Julie Farley. By-Laws have been updated to reflect the changes that we voted on. Last voted on was the term limit of officers which was decided by the members to abolish.

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read by Fred Pennings 1st D. Paalman; 2nd L. Krause

Secretary's Report - Approved as in newsletter. 1st G. Hegner ; 2nd D. Paalman

Vice Director's Report - MARC mileages are due to Bill no later than December 1st, Bill has blank forms if you were to need one. Thank you, Bill, for all your hard work the past couple years as Vice Director! We greatly appreciate all that you have done!

Librarian's Report - Let Mary Lou know if you would like to check out any of the books in our Model A Library

Donna's Sunshine Report- Let's keep them all in our prayers.

- Ray Schmoeker fell and broke his shoulder the day after the last meeting, he is doing fine.
- Bonnie Tortelli is starting an exercise regimen at the nursing home
- Ellen Hegner is at home on palliative care and doing about the same.
- Tom Steinfelt is home still dealing with A-fib and blood clots; having blood checked daily.
- David Slattebo is home after 7+ weeks at Froedert. Had a doctor visit yesterday; doctor's orders were no group meeting. Regards to all --- especially to the A-Team for their help--the old gal runs great.
- In sadness we lost member Mark Bresnahan to a courageous battle of cancer and new(er) member Scott Stevens.

Old Business- Christmas Party- Sunday, December 10th; Raffle baskets are welcomed and would like to mention with the out of control prices of things,

Game Club in Scott's honor (P.O. Box 223 Manawa, WI 54949 in care of Scott Stevens memorial).

1930 Christmas Dinner

Turkey became a prominent centerpiece in the 1920s and 1930s, served with bread sauce, although goose was still popular. Unless you were wealthy, a refrigerator was a rarity, so turkey's would have been collected as close to Christmas as possible. Turkey also cost the average person a week's wages.

What was for dessert? Why, of course, figgy pudding (also known as plum pudding or Christmas pudding). It was/is a traditional steamed cake-like dessert comprised of breadcrumbs, flour, suet, sugar, eggs, brandy, lemon zest, candied citrus peel, spices, and dried fruits (specifically raisins, currants, and golden raisins).

please feel free to donate something you have at the house or partner up with another member if you would like. A motion was accepted that the raised funds for 50/50 and the raffle basket will go to a member in need.

Iola Report- 554 hours this year was volunteered thus far. Iola has a room full of books. Joe Marx knows a company to borrow a truck to haul the books away to be recycled, needs to be done on a Saturday, would like a ½ dozen of people to volunteer. A team was put together at tonight's meeting and planned to take place on November 18th. Another well done job by our Iola A-team!

New Business-

- WI Rapids planning committee meeting was held last week in October, 12 members were present. Milwaukee Club will be in charge for 2024 WI Rapids Reunion. Last year member attendance was down from year before due to plumbing issues and the rain.
- Cindy volunteers on the board for MAFFI as a Trustee; the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) museum was built in 2012 and has out grown its space. The museum is raising money to build onto the museum. They are half way to the million dollar mark! Our club has donated in the past to the museum which there is currently a brick in our club's name on the walkway; a motion was made to donate \$1000 to the museum. Show of hands by the members was unanimous.
- Tuesday Tour formed by Fred, Jim H and Ralph; Looking to do a one day tour on a Tuesday in May, June, July and August of next year. Fred as learned a lot from these tours in the past and would like to reinstate a one day tour. More information will be available in the spring.
- With the New Year coming, our club will be looking for meeting hosts. Please let Jim Hameister know if you're interested in hosting a meeting. Meetings are held on third Wednesday of each month unless approved beforehand.

Birthday & Anniversaries were read by Roy

Swap and Sell- Don Paalman has set of rackets for front seat extension; Gary Tortelli has Model A parts for sale- muffler, radiators for 30-31, horns, starters (1-12 volt in box) and mor;' if interested call Gary at 920-731-7399

Next Meeting- Sunday, December 10th Annual Christmas Party held at VanAbels of Hollandtown

Thank You to Host- Jim and Lisa Watermolen, Bill and Joyce Lindsley

Motion to Adjourn- 1st Don P; 2nd Jacob W.

Submitted by Club Secretary Julie Farley

