



Nickel 'A' News

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The Nickel "A" Region of Wisconsin is dedicated to the restoration, driving, and preservation of the Model "A" Ford Automobile from 1928-1931



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Message from the Director



Model A'ers! Driving season is here!!! June commemorates Flag Day (June 14) and Father's Day (June 18), both days giving us opportunities to drive our A's.

The flag during the Model A Era had only 38 stars. That flag flew from July 4, 1912 to July 3, 1949. The first flag day, however, was on June 14, 1777, a special day passed by Congress to establish an official flag day for the new nation. Other interesting trivia is that

- The first American flag was called the Grand Union.
- An expert in the history of flags is called a vexillologist
- The American flag has changed designs 27 times, more than any other flag in the world.
- The colors of the American flag are symbolic. Red is for hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice. (source: www.history.com/news/fast-flag-facts)

Father's Day, it seems, has a mother. The idea for a day honoring dads is generally attributed to Sonora Dodd, a woman raised by her father after her mother died in childbirth, according to the Library of Congress. In 1910, Dodd was apparently listening to a church service on Mother's Day, which itself had only existed for a few years and was still unofficial, and she began to think about everything her father had done for her growing up. The first Father's Day celebration took place where Dodd lived, in Spokane, Wash., in June.

But it took a few more decades to really become official. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed that the third Sunday in June would be officially known as Father's Day, saying that we look to fathers to "provide the strength and stability which characterize the successful family." In 1972, President Nixon made the day a national holiday. (source: www.npr.org/2021/06/20/1008160569/fathers-day-facts)

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Upcoming Nickle A Meeting

Meeting Date

Wednesday, June 21
At George & Kathy
Bresnahan's place

Ava Court, Neenah, WI

Time

6p.m. meeting begins

Bring your own chair.

Event Calendar

May 29, 2023

Neenah American Legion
Car Show
Neenah Labor Temple
157 S, Green Bay Rd.
Neenah, WI

For info, call Bill 920-428-
2631

Entry fee: \$5.00

Registration begins at
9a.m. Awards at 3p.m.

June 4, 2023

May 17, 2023 Nickle A Model A Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Fred and Joan Pennings home with 35 members present; no guests this meeting. Meeting called to order at 6:04p.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read by Fred Pennings 1st B. Hegner; 2nd D. Peterson

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

Vice Director's Report - Bill handed out Mileage Awards for Jim, Dennis, Larry, George, Tom and Ron. Bill received an email from Appleton North High School car club to see if our club would be interested in visiting a nursing home with the Model A's on Sat. June 17th from 10am-12pm.

Librarian's Report - books available, let Mary Lou or Gene know if interested in checking out a book.

Donna's Sunshine Report-

- Lloyd Gauerke had shoulder surgery, he is doing well.
- Sending prayers, hugs and love to Dave Slattebo, Mark Bresnahan, Mary Lou Hegner and Ellen Hegner. Prayers and positive vibes to you all!
- David Arenas-Grube has sent up a GoFundMe Page on Facebook for his dog Bear; Bear has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor. David is raising money to help Bear's surgery to remove the tumor. With a show of hands our club has donated \$250 to help David and Bear.

Old Business- Larry Krause is looking for 1-2 more cars for the Flag Day Parade June 10th, call Larry if interested.

Iola Report- 365 hours has been volunteered thus far; 6 spots taken for camping. Fred has schedule and should receive assignments 1-2 days before Iola. Swap table is located by the shack; Joe Marx volunteered to look over the table, will have trailer and shade. Some volunteers are needed to help with the swap table and if you have anything to sell at our club swap space let Fred Pennings or Joe Marx know.

New Business-

- Steve and George helped out the Model A Ford Foundation Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan by moving 36 cars for a photo shoot for the Hemmings Motor Car calendar for 3 years of calendars. How cool is that?!

Former "Sharon" Model A Days, in Clinton, WI (note location change this year)

June 10, 2023

Flag Day Parade
Appleton, 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 10, 2023

Johnsonville's Sausage Fest and Road America
Contact Allen Nohl
anoahl@excel.net
920-207-1196

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, 2023

5th Annual Green Bay Classics Car Show, Center Road, Brillion

July 30-Aug. 4, 2023

MARC National Meet
Hamilton, OH

August 5, 2023

21st Annual Ganrud Car Show, Denmark, WI

September 15-16, 2023

Model A Days Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

September 16, 2023

Nueske's 90th Anniversary Car Show

- Fred talked about our club purchasing a new Burtz engine and placing it in a Model A for the club to test/try out the new motor. George did research and \$7500 could be invested. Kris Peterson has volunteered to purchase the engine and to place it in his Model A. A team has been formed of George, Fred, Al B. and Al A-G. to research into the next steps of purchasing the engine.
- Winners of door prizes- Larry, Bill, Al B., Raquel, Pat C., Steve, Chuck, Cindy, Chuck M., Lisa, Don, Bob, Lisa B., Ellen, Roselind, George and Alan. Congrats!

Birthday & Anniversaries were read by Roy

Swap and Sell- Ellen Hegner has a fashion garment, color is brown. See ad in the newsletter for picture

Next Meeting- June 21st hosted by George and Kathy Bresnahan

Motion to Adjourn- 1st -J. Watermolen; 2nd K. Peterson

Submitted by Club
Secretary, Julie Farley

We're Invited!! (submitted by Bill Lindsley)

I was contacted by the activity director of Care Partner Assisted Living Home in Appleton asking if our club members would be interested in showing our cars at their facility to help celebrate Father's Day. They would like us to be there 10:00 a.m. - noon on Saturday June 17th. We are invited (if interested) to stay for the cookout they plan for Father's Day.

We plan to meet at Jim Hameister's home, 4004 East Ashbury Drive, Appleton by 8:30 and leave there by 8:45 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating please call or text me at 920-639-1135 or call Jim Hameister at 920-740-9110.

Meet the Folks Who Who Give Us All the Great Monthly Meeting Door Prizes

Joe and Sherry Marx

Joe Marx had always admired Model A's when he saw them, but he never priced one because he was pretty sure they were \$50-60,000 and that was more than he



(photo above: Joe on Spring Tour at Iola)

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

CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE: 1928 Fordor.
Well maintained.
Body off restoration
in 2000. Engine with
less than 500 miles
\$16,000. Call Bob
Hegner 920-851-
3809.



For Sale: Era Dress
Size 12-14. \$40 Call
B. Hegner 920-851-
3809

wanted to spend on a hobby. Then two years ago he saw a Tudor sitting on the side of the road and stopped to look at it. He was pleasantly surprised at the price and started worrying that something must be wrong with the car to be priced so low. While Joe was looking the car over, another potential buyer stopped and told Joe that if wasn't going to buy the Tudor, he would, so Joe didn't have a lot of time to make that first decision of "to buy or not to buy." Luckily Joe's wife, Sherry, was along and was fine with the purchase. So, the first Marx Model A went home with Joe.

Then Joe went to Pierce Park for the annual car show and met some Nickle A members. Naturally, the Nickle A members invited him to a meeting and he remembers being at Jim Hameister's house for that first meeting last fall. Joe mentioned to some of the guys that he really liked pick-up trucks. It just so happened that Nickle A member Ralph Hayden had a pick-up truck he was willing to sell. So, the second Model A "followed" Joe home. Joe also had a fascination with wreckers lifelong too. So, he put an ad out for a 2- ton wrecker unit to go in that truck! Joe had been at the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan and was taking a bus tour when the bus broke down. The bus rescue was done with a Model AA wrecker truck, and Joe was pretty enthralled with that experience, even though he didn't get to watch it all happen.

And as things seem to happen in threes, Joe "just happened" to find a second truck, 1928 Model A, on Craigslist. That truck was located in Indiana and was a "project" ---all the parts for the truck were in the bed of the truck with some layers of dust. Joe learned that the guy who owned the truck bought it when he got married and started restoration but then along came kids, then grandkids, and then health issues so the 1928 was for sale. When Joe got his second Model A truck home and started going through the parts in the bed of the truck, he found boxes of parts dated from 1969-1974!



(photo above: Joe and Sherry's three Model A's!)

He wants to put two tanks on the back of one of his pick-ups, labeling one lamp oil and one kerosene to have the truck era correct with what may have been hauled on one of those trucks.

On a personal level, Joe lives in rural Mackville and is a retired city of Appleton employee; he put in 35 years beginning in the sanitation department, with most of his time spent in the water department. Joe said for his last day on the job, he wanted to end where he started, so he did his last day working in sanitation.

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 Ford slant windshield lower door window garnish moldings 2 ea. \$20.00 Call Craig Vosters At 920-788-0289

For Sale: 1928-29 Grill Shell, \$50. Call Tom Gemert, 920-621-7994

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

Sherry was an LPN but she has to deal with psoriatic arthritis, so we won't always see her at meetings. But, Joe said Sherry is an enthusiastic Model A passenger! Sherry loves to go for Model A rides!

Joe and Sherry have 3 girls, one day short of 3 years apart! Yes, the theme of threes in the Marx household didn't start with Model A's! Their oldest daughter is married and has 2 daughters of her own. She and her husband live in the Shiecton area. The middle daughter is married and has 2 boys and a girl and they reside in the Wausau area. The youngest Marx daughter loves to travel and it not yet ready for domesticity!

Joe and Sherry have some acreage at their Mackville home, so when one of the grandkids wanted a pony, grandpa and grandma got the pony and fenced in the yard at their home for the pony. But, the pony was lonely, so then grandpa and grandma got some sheep (Katahdin-Dorper crosses---known as hair sheep so they don't need to be shorn). The upside of this arrangement is that Joe doesn't have to mow lawn anymore! Then there's the 6 little lambs that arrived this spring from the 3 ewes and ram that were the flock until the babies arrived!

And just so he isn't bored, Joe also owns 5 apartments. Right now, he says the owning rental units is a landlord's dream with the housing situation, but we all know it wasn't always like that.

When Joe isn't tinkering with his Model A's, he can be found at the cabin he co-owns with his brother on Bear Lake (near Manawa). At the cabin he does "innertube fishing". His innertube contraption has a trolling motor and a depth finder so it's not exactly the innertube of youth! Joe is a great fan of panfish and says he can spend all day fishing ---if there isn't a Model A tour to go on! (by Cindy Ellenbecker)



photo above: Joe -tube fishing

Submissions to the newsletter are ALWAYS welcome! You don't have to worry about whether you are good with writing or not ---just get something down on paper and send it to your editor. It's her job to "edit" things and make the words work! **The newsletter goes out via email on the 25th of each month**, so send submissions about a week ahead.

LED Light Bulb Bulk Order Discount

www.logolites.com/products/led-headlights-and-bulbs/

Logo Lites, one of the makers of the LED bulbs that you see in catalogs, offers a 20% discount on orders over \$1,250, not including shipping. This includes anything that they sell on the website, except for replacement parts.

An Original LED headlight bulb is \$32/bulb*, a Focused LED bulb is \$40/bulb*. These work on 6/12-volts, and can be any ground. They are approximately 1/2" longer than

For Sale: 1930 Tudor. Garage space needed for modern car. Old father/son hobby car, essentially a project car, except it is complete and drivable. Not pretty, like Snow White, this car needs a fairy-godmother (or godfather) for a complete exterior/interior do-over. Pics available. Call either Roger Guetschow, (608) 846-3708 or Richard Concklin, (608) 221-2198 for more information. Car is owned by third party. Motivated Seller.

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. OBO Call Jeff Bezotte 262-818-6904

Wanted: Model A deck lid with hinges. Call Chris 920-585-8657

the stock bulb, normally enough room between the lens and the bulb for the longer Logo Lites to clear the glass lens.

For amps, stock headlights use 3.6 to 4.5, the Original LEDs use 1.5 to 2.5, the Focused LEDs use 1.3. They also sell LEDs to replace other bulbs, only in 6-volt, but can also be any ground and use less amps. The #63 LED bulb is \$8/bulb*, used for cowl, parking, running, dash, instrument and dome lights. The #1129 LED bulb is \$15/bulb*, used for brake lights.

If there is enough interest in this, I can order and have them shipped to my house. Your job is to arrange pick up, I will not deliver them, although I can bring to a meeting. Look at the website listed above. Contact me if you are interested in ordering. Call me at (920) 478-4541 or email at wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com. No orders will be placed without payment.~Tony Sillman

*All of these prices are the rough price, and do not include shipping. Shipping cost will be divided by total units ordered - the number of units you order will be multiplied by that quotient for your total price

May 7, 2023 Spring Tour Highlights



Apparently no one told the Paalman car that there was a "no smoking" policy for the Spring Tour!

Also the Paalman car carried the oldest (82) continuous member of the

Nickle A Club, Don Paalman, and the youngest (12) member of the Nickle A Club, Don's Great Grandson, Dominic Aloplanalp.

Perhaps we need to quit teasing George Bresnahan about forgetting his gas cap on driving tours. It appears he just quit putting gas in his car altogether now to avoid this problem and just gets a group of guys to push his vehicle where he wants it to go. He also seems to attract a squad car when he's out on tour????



**June
Anniversaries**



Steve/Elizabeth
Bieski

Al/Lisa Bobier

Lorien/Pebbles
Hegner

Bill/Joyce Lindsley

Steve/Marilyn Mead

John Nowak/Yun
Kyung Lee

Steve/Pam Paalman

**June
Birthdays**



Randy Almus

Steve Bieszki

Randy Burhop



Spring Tour's destination was the lola Car Show Grounds and when we arrived, our hostesses, Mary and Ali, were already in the spirit of the Model A era ---- dressed in period attire!

We may have had a grey, rainy day for our Spring Tour, but that didn't dampen the spirits; we had 17 Model A's and 42 members participating in the event. Many thanks to Club Director, Roy Farley and helpers Julie Farley and Jim Watermolen for catering the lunch. We have THE BEST Director; he works hard and feeds us VERY well year 'round!



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. 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

Jenny Burhop

Mike Heider

Ralph Hayden

Lorien Hegner

Sharon Krause

Chuck Marousek

Wendy Mohr

Phyllis Moss

Gene Steinfeldt

Diane Vosters

Janie Welch

Welcome New Members:

Scott Stevens & Jennifer Johnson

They own a 1929 Sedan delivery & a 1930 Tudor and we look forward to having them join us on tours and at meetings!

Want a Model A Era Manicure, Ladies?

The preferred look was to have the half moons and the tips unpainted. Carefully paint your fingernail leaving the moon (at the base) and the tip unpainted. (Masking tape was sometimes used to cover the areas that paint wasn't desirable on.) When the colored polish is dry, apply a clear coat. Then use a nail white pencil, similar to an eyebrow pencil, to whiten under the

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 hook-up:.....\$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?

____Nickle A Region MARC

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 & family option to avoid xtra charges)



Happy Belated Birthday to Al and Lisa Bobier! Yes, they both have May birthdays. Here's what showed up at the Model A May meeting for Al . . . **Yes, it does say Holy Cr - -, Albert, you're 60!**

As Abraham Lincoln is often quoted as saying, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years!"

Quote submitted by the Bresnahan family

nails. (source: MAFCA book of Fashion Facts, 2006)



Brick on walkway at the Model A Ford Foundation Museum (Gilmore Auto Museum grounds). George and Steve found it and took a picture for us.

For the Vintage Era Fur Shoppers:

Many furs from the Model A Era were known by misleading trade names (a camouflage name for non-desirable fur)

For example, mink was often really weasel (mink is from the weasel family), French wolf fur was really dyed goat, and Alaskan seal was really rabbit, dyed to resemble seal.

Not you know the rest of the story

(source: MAFCA book of Fashion Facts, 2006)



Nickle A members, Steve Moore and George Bresnahan spent the week of May 8 at the Model A Ford Foundation Museum (Gilmore Auto Museum grounds) at Hickory Corners, MI helping stage cars for a Hemmings Motor News photo shoot. Hemmings will be featuring three years of

Model As on calendars. Watch for the calendars to go on sale in the fall. Your newsletter editor will let you know when they're for sale! Thank you to George and Steve for doing a whole lot of pushing cars around. Museum cars don't all run, as the guys found out!

New or Renewing Membership Application - Please fill out 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

Era Trivia: Back in 1929, there were no smartphones or televisions. However, there were coloring books, marbles, and ping-pong. There were baseball cards, jigsaw puzzles, and roller skating. There were card games, singing games, and seesaws. Likewise, there were dance halls, amusement parks, and something called reading.