



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,

Welcome Autumn! And a beautiful autumn it has been, thus far. It's that time of year when we need to get out and drive those Model A's as much as we can before the snow flies here in Wisconsin (did I just say the evil "s" word?)

As a club we have 3 upcoming opportunities to drive those A's!

- September 30 at Road America
- October 7 for the Fall Day Trip to Hartford, WI
- October 14 for the October monthly meeting at the Winchester Town Hall

Also coming up are annual elections for officers; if you have any interest in running for office, please contact one of our Nominating Committee members: Cindy Ellenbecker (920-286-0971), Bob Hegner (920-851-3809) or Phyllis Moss (920-237-9962). We will be taking nominations from the floor at the October meeting and elections will be held at the November meeting.

As club officers, we encourage others to run for office. No one will be offended if you have an interest in holding an office. That's the democratic way ---hold a vote!

Lastly, review the books and publications that the club owns in this newsletter. Gene and Mary Lou Hegner would be more than happy to bring one of the club-owned books to a meeting for you to check out.

We'll see you driving that Model A September 30, October 7, and October 14, right?

Motor on . . . Roy



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Upcoming Nickle A Meeting

October Meeting

Hosted by Tom Schmidt and Steve Moore/Cindy

Ellenbecker on

Saturday, October 14 at

9a.m. at the Winchester

Town Hall, 8522

Parkway, Larsen, WI

54947 Coffee,

beverages, & donuts

served. **One of the last chances to drive that A to a meeting!!**

September 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Vandebroek Town Hall in Kaukauna with 44 members present; no guests this meeting. Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Report- club meetings that were held in June & July of 2020 in which we were voting on updating by-laws and constitution were put off until a later date. All were voted on except for 2 year term limits for officers. At this meeting it was voted on to abolish the 2 year term limited. 1st C. Ellenbecker 2nd J. Woelfel

Secretary's Minutes - Approved as in newsletter. 1st J. Watermolen; 2nd L. Watermolen

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

Vice Director's Report -

- November Meeting has no host so Jim W., Bill L. and Roy F. have volunteered to host. Meeting will be held in Freedom at the City Hall for November. Wednesday wasn't available, with a show of hands it was agreed to hold November's meeting on Tuesday night.
- Fall Tour will be October 7, 2023. Will meet at the Shell Gas Station on the corner of CB and Jacobsen Rd in Fox Crossing (the one by George's Home) and will leave there at 9:00am to head to Hartford.
- Road America- 19 people have signed up. The Green Bay crew will leave Roy Farley home at 8:00am to head to Fred's. We will leave Fred's at 8:45 to head to Elkhart Lake. Gate 4 will open at 11:00am for us, most likely we'll be able to get 2 laps in. Bring your cameras!! Kevin has a magnet to place on your car door for a photo prop. On way home we'll head north to Kiel. For lunch we'll eat at Riverview Restaurant and then make our way back home.

Librarian's Report - books are available; Call, email or text Mary Lou.

Donna's Sunshine Report-

- Herb Grube had heart surgery (August 29th) and ended up spending about a week in the hospital. He is progressing as well as expected now.
- Bear (David's dog) had a new tumor removed. No problems!
- David Slattebo entered Froedert Hospital last Friday and had a PICC Line placed for transfusions. He had several rounds of chemo, resting today and transplant tomorrow Thursday October 21st.
- Tom Steinfelt will have heart surgery.
- You're all in our thoughts and prayers! Prayers for healthy speedy recoveries.

Old Business- License to Cruise in Appleton on Friday, September 29th. Tom Schmidt has maps showing where the Model A's are lining up for the cruise.

New Business-

- Jerry presented to the club an Award from the Van Dyne parade for our cars being the Most Entertaining, received \$20 (parade was held the morning of the Annual Corn Roast in August)

Event Calendar

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 Roy
Farley. Ph/text: 920-
224-5261

**Congratulations
Nickle A Members
John W. Nowak and
spouse Yun Kyung
Lee on 45 years of
membership in the
Model A Ford Club
of America
(MAFCA). That's
impressive!!**

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-](#)

- Member, Al mentioned to see if it would be possible for the club to get apparel with our club logo on it for members to purchase. Kris and Jim W will check into apparel places.

Birthday & Anniversaries were read by Roy

Swap and Sell- Roy is looking for any year cowl with windshield.

Next Meeting- October 14th held at Winchester Town Hall at 9:00am with Coffee and Donuts.

Hosts- Cindy, Steve and Tom S.

Motion to Adjourn- 1st D. Paalman; 2nd L. Watermolen

Submitted by Club Secretary Julie Farley

Minutes Submitted by Julie Farley. Secretary



**65 years of wedded bliss
---worth bragging rights!**

Our hosts for the
September Nickle A
meeting, Ray and Joyce
Schmoeker, treated us to
cupcakes in honor of their
65th wedding anniversary.

We even got them to kiss
in front on the crowd!

Van Dyne
Parade
Attendees with
their check for
the club from
parade
participation:

From the left:
Bob and Ellen
Hegner, Gene
Hegner, (back:
Jake Woefel)
front: Jerry
Braasch, Lonzin
Hegner and
Mary Braasch



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 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.

Non-member/club ads:

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

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

Get to Know Al and Lisa Bobier!



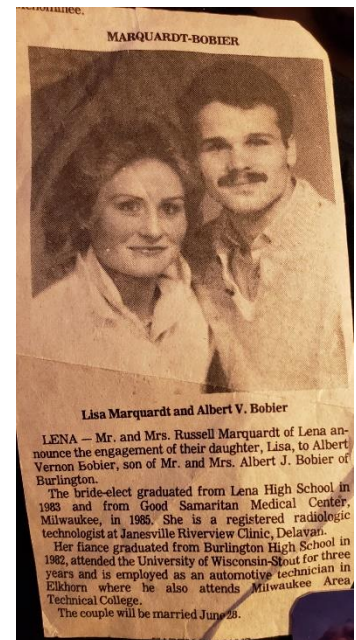
Al and Lisa currently reside in Kaukauna, but they've been in the Appleton area for the last 28 years.

Al grew up in Burlington, WI and Lisa grew up in the Lena, WI. They met when Lisa was in Milwaukee, WI, pursuing a post-secondary degree in Imaging (as in radiation) Technician, and Al was pursuing college degree at Stout University for industrial education/automotive (as well as Lisa!!).

After a year and a half long distance romance (Al was hitchhiking to see Lisa on weekends and Lisa was taking the greyhound bus ---as often as she could afford to--- Al popped the question and then 18 months later they were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bobier. (engagement photo below)

Al and Lisa have 3 children: Josiah, Jacob and Allisa. They are also proud grandparents of 2- year -old granddaughter, Eastyn. Al and Lisa also get to do some "grand dog" pet sitting as well for pups Navi, Kindred, and Lucie. All three of Al and Lisa's children live in the Appleton area, which mom and dad like a lot!

Al spent most of his career as a General Construction Contractor/ small business owner. Today he still does construction jobs) his children even get in on the act sometimes). Lisa worked as an X-Ray Tech



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

For Sale:



Betsy is a 1930 Sport Coupe that was one of the first restorations of a Model A Ford done by Red Grow. There is provenance. Car is located near Kalamazoo, MI. If interested, contact Jerry Morrissey PH: 269-615-3719 or email jertrudy@sbcglocal.net



for over 30 years but currently works doing Prescription Medication delivery for Morton Pharmacy in Neenah.



Al and Lisa are avid campers as well as Model A fans.

(Who are these kids in the photo to the left??)

Al and Lisa joined the Nickle A Club just under a year ago, and already they have hosted the Spring Tune Up and continue to be active members. Al spent days working at the Lola Car Show as well.

Al decided to buy a Model A because he was always wanted to own a "TICKER". He found out about the club by hunting down the Model A section at Pierce Park Car show in 2022. The Bobier Model A is special for its patina and original beauty ---just the way Al likes it!

[Look who we \(Cindy and Steve\) found when we were out and about in our Model A in Chilton, WI.](#)

[That's member Tom Roitt from Plymouth. I guess those A's are magnets---where's there's one, there's bound to be another soon! \(Many of you guys can look in your garage and attest to that!!\)](#)



October Anniversaries

Richard/Edith Balkan
Craig/Amber Froelich
Ken/Bonnie Hegner
Mike/Peggy Hoks
Jim/Gloria Meyers
William/Wendy Mohr
Dick/Cathy Seidl
Joe/Debbie Verheyen



October Birthdays

Cindy Ehmen
Cindy Ellenbecker
Linda Fischer
Julie Herzfeldt
Chuck Hockers
John Holtan
Don Justinger
Larry Krause
Sherry Marx
David Pietila
Kevin Ress
Dick Seidl
Tom VanGemert
Kate Vosters
Mike Watermolen
Roger Whitton
Mike Yanacek



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.



How much does Ron Meverden love his 1930 Model A Pick-Up truck?

Enough to get Ford A tattooed on his left arm!

Next time you see him, ask to see the commitment!

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

Roy Farley and Jim Hameister leading the tour; let Roy or Jim know if you will be joining. (Roy's number 920-224-5261; Jim's number 920-740-9110 . There is a group leaving from Green Bay and Appleton.

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.

Model "A" organization acronyms explained for our newer members:

MARC (Model A Restorers's Club) is a National Model A organization with offices in Michigan. Annual membership is \$50.00 and among the benefits are 6 issues of a national MARC Model A magazine called *The Model A News* and additional insurance for members on club sanctioned rides as well as national meets and tours.

MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) is a National Model A organization with offices in California. Annual membership is \$50.00 and among the benefits are 6 issues of a national MAFCA Model A magazine called *The Restorer* and additional insurance for members on club sanctioned rides as well as national meets and tours.

MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation Inc) is an entity devoted to preserving and showcasing Model A's and era artifacts. MAFFI has a Board of Trustees who belong

The only “A” I ever received was when I bought my Model A

Written by Chad Peck, Vice President of the Badger A's (Madison area)

The year was 1930, and the United States was already in The Great Depression. President Herbert Hoover was in office, and people were making less for doing the same job.

Even worse, many had lost their jobs, and had little to nothing. More than 15 million Americans, one-quarter of all wage earning workers, were now unemployed.

If you had a good job, and put money in the bank, there was no guarantee that the bank would have your money. Banks at that time were not regulated or insured in anyway. President Hoover did not act fast enough to stop the downward slide and was not re-elected in 1932. The big three car manufacturers were wondering if they would be able to stay afloat during these tough times.

How would they be able to provide reliable affordable cars? I was thinking so much about the times that our Model

to both MARC and MAFCA. However, individuals who want to join MAFFI as members do not need to belong to either MARC or MAFCA. Annual membership is \$35.00 and among the benefits is free entry to the grounds of the 90 acres Gilmore Auto Museum. (MAFFI built a 11,000 square foot museum in 2012 on the grounds of the Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.) MAFFI is currently fundraising to double the size of the museum to house its 60 vehicles and displays. (Only 30 fit in the current museum.) MAFFI's event is the 2nd weekend of September each year, called Model A Days.

Which of the national organizations should you join?

Many Model A'ers belong to all 3 national organizations ---to support the hobby. Individuals can join all 3 organizations and clubs can join all 3. Many Nickle A members belong to all 3 organizations. Others choose one or two. The Nickle A Club, is a MARC affiliate currently. In the past, Nickle A belonged to MAFCA as well. Of the other Model A clubs in the state, some belong only to MAFCA, some only to MARC, and some to both MARC and MAFCA. MAFFI is a Foundation for the preservation of the cars, so that's always a nice thing to contribute to as a member.

I would urge you to check out the websites and benefits to each as well as consider supporting the hobby as a whole.

Model A Ford Foundation Inc (MAFFI) Museum at Hickory Corners, MI (Gilmore Auto Museum)

Model A Days Sept. 15-16,2023 – some snapshots of Nickle A members



Jim Hameister drove the Model A Stakebed Truck around the 90-acre campus in Michigan giving guests at Model A Days and the entire Gilmore Auto Museum rides.

A's were made. They were born in a time when life was hard, and maybe that's why we have our cars today. Because you really understood that the purchase of a car back in the 20's and 30's was for people with great wealth or for people who gave great sacrifices to obtain a car.

(The above excerpt was part of a longer article, but I was so moved by this that I reprinted this excerpt for you, Cindy Ellenbecker)

BOOKS and Publications in the Nickle A Library holdings:

(Contact Mary Lou Hegner to bring the book/publication you want to a meeting: (920-460-4594)

Model A Judging Standards

Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook

All About Carburetors

How to Restore your Model A, Volumes 1-8

Technically Speaking, Volumes 1-13

Model A Miseries and Cures

1930 AA Bus driver: Steve Moore getting the "kids" to school at Hickory Corners and checking for completed homework



George Bresnahan also gave rides around campus --in a Model A phaeton, but he was speeding around so fast, I was not able to capture pictures of him!



Jim Hameister and George Bresnahan riding the 1930 AA school bus at Model A Days. Driver Steve Moore had to separate them on the bus because of horseplay

If you are taking part in the **MARC Mileage Program**, remember to take down your present mileage, before putting your "A" in storage. If you'd like more information about this program, Bill Lindsley or Jim Hameister would be happy to help out. Give a call, Phone: 920-740-9110

LAST CALL . . .

LED Light Bulb Bulk Order Discount www.logolites.com/products/led-headlights-and-bulbs/ Logo Lites offers a 20% discount on orders over \$1250, not

Public Image of Henry Ford

Henry Ford, A Pictorial Biography

Model A Ford Restoration and Maintenance (Paul Moller, author)

Model A Makes Its Mark

History of the Model A Restorers Club

Model A Lubrication Chart

Gas Shut OFF Valve

An important but often ignored part of the Model A is the gas shut off valve. And yet, I'm sure there's not one Model A driver who hasn't forgotten to use it at least once! The Model A uses a float style carburetor. When the fuel is allowed to flow into the carb, the bowl fills up until the float goes up and shuts off. But gas evaporates quickly, especially at warmer temperatures, so the carb will continue to allow gas to refill it. Eventually, you could end up with an empty gas tank and a lot of gas vapors around your car! If your carb leaks, the

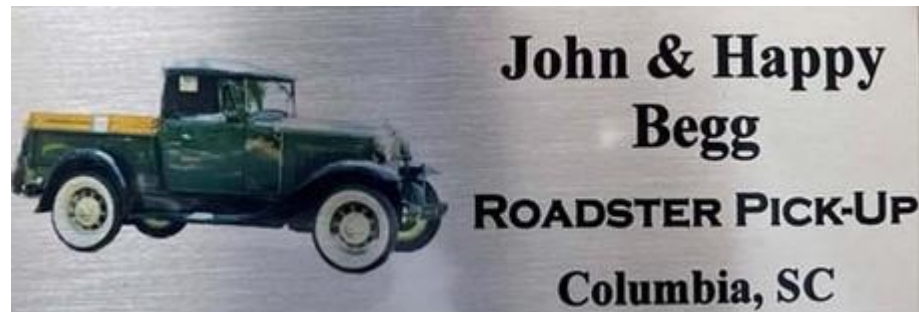
including shipping. This includes anything that they sell on the website, except for replacement parts.

We have been advertising this since roughly May, and are still \$300 short of the goal to get the discount. If you know of anyone that might benefit from these lights, let them know. This is the last chance to get in on this before the order goes in. An Original LED headlight bulb is \$32/bulb*, a Focused LED bulb is \$40/bulb*. These work on 6 or 12-volts, and can be any ground. They are approximately 1/2" longer than the stock bulb, normally enough room between the lens and the bulb for this longer bulb.

Stock headlights use 3.6 to 4.5 amps, Original LED's use 1.5 to 2.5 amps, Focused LED's use 1.3 amps. They also sell LED's 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, Tony Sillman from the Badger A's Club (near Madison will order and have them shipped to his house. He will not deliver them, but Cindy Ellenbecker will pick up any Nickle A orders and bring them to a meeting. Look at the website listed above. Contact Tony at 920-478-4541 if you are interested in ordering. No orders will be placed without payment. ~ *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.

Want your name, state, and photo of your car on the wall in a museum? It can happen!



The Program is Called: My A

It is a fundraiser for individuals to contribute and get their name, city/state, and a color picture of their car on a metal plaque that will be on the all in the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. museum at the Gilmore grounds in Hickory Corners, MI

For more info, type in TheMyAProgram@gmail.com or call Val Maron 847-302-7900 For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle & name

Payment can be taken over the phone or a check can be mailed in. Also required is a digital picture of the car which can be emailed.

shut off valve also stops that from occurring while the car is parked. So, what happens if you don't turn this valve? Well, it depends on what position it is in when you forget! If it's in the on position and you leave that way when you park, you risk the consequences listed above.

But if you leave it in the closed position when you go to drive the car, well, let's just say you won't get very far down the road without gas flowing into the carb. I admit, it's happened to me. I started the car, started driving across the parking lot, and cough, cough, cough, the car just died. While I was puzzled as to what happened, a fellow driver walked up to the window and reminded me to check my shut off valve. Once I turned it on, I asked him how he knew? He just responded "well, that's about how far I got when I forgot to turn mine back on!" So, the general rule of thumb is that the handle points down, the way gas needs to flow from the tank.

It's time to pay your 2024 dues. Fred Peninngs 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 _____

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

Source of article at the left wishes to remain "unnamed" for obvious reasons 😊