



Nickle '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!

March sure messed with our hopes of spring; let's hope that April brings some of those showers and flowers! I always try to highlight special days each month and there is Ford history in April. In 1947, Henry Ford died on April 7 at age 83, but that's not the only noteworthy date in April.

April brings our jokesters April Fool's Day. (According to www.history.com, in 1582, France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian Calendar, the new year began around April. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." Pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs, said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.)

Of course, we have Easter to celebrate on April 9th this year, but my personal favorite is National Siblings Day on April 10; Julie and I both have lots of siblings to celebrate!! April 16 brings Good Deeds Day and what's not to like about that new tradition begun in 2007? Then we have Earth Day on April 22, and Arbor Day on April 28, which signals the Farley household to get out in our yard and start "sprucing" it up for the season.

And in parting, I'm certain there HAS to be some warmer weather coming so we can all fire up those Model A's for the season!

Happy Easter

Roy



March 18, 2023 Nickle A Model A Meeting Minutes

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Upcoming Nickle A Meeting

April 22nd at Al/Lisa Bobier home for Spring Tune-up/Meeting 9am-1pm. N245 DeBruin Rd, Kaukauna, WI Appleton folks: go south on DeBruin off of Cty. C E.

9 a.m. meeting with coffee and donuts

Please bring with you the things that you'll need for your tune-up (oil, transmission fluid, any other parts). If you stay over noon hour, bring a bag lunch.



March 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at The Marketplace at St. Elizabeth with 54 members present. It was called to order at 9:45am by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New(er) Member, first time attending a meeting - Thomas Roitt

Secretary's Report - Approved as in Newsletter. 1st Don P. 2nd Jim G.

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read by Julie-stand-in for Fred. 1st Jim W. 2nd Neil D.

Vice Director's Report - Monthly Meeting Events for 2023-

- April 22nd- Host Al/Lisa Bobier, **Meeting at 9am**; Spring Tune-Up to follow after meeting. Garage holds 3-4 Model A's to do oil changes, flushes or changing tires. Please bring with you the things that you'll need for your tune-up (oil, transmission fluid, any other parts, etc.)
- May- Spring Tour, May 6th to Iola Car Show Grounds
- May 17th - Alan and Raquel Home
- June 21st - Open
- July 19th - Host Jim/Roselind
- August - Annual Corn Roast, date to be determined
- Sept 20th - Open
- September Fall Tour- Host Kevin/Nicole Fall Tour Sat., September 30th
- Oct 18th - Host Cindy/Steve and Tom Schmidt
- Nov 15th - Open
- Dec 10th - Annual Christmas Party, Host- ?

Librarian's Report - Contact Mary Lou or Gene if would like to check out any books- lot of books to choose from for all your Model A needs.

Donnas Sunshine Report -

- Sent a Sympathy card to Donna Haase
- Our club sent thinking of you cards to Ellen Hegner and Mark Bresnahan. Keep them in your prayers.

Old Business -

- Larry had 2 glass Model A light signs at the meeting, they are \$20 each, \$6.00 more to personalize with a name. They were pictured in February Nickle A News. Contact Larry Krause if interested.

- Reminder to those of you who are not members of MARC to sign-up. Jerry has applications to fill out for membership. Can also find the membership applications at <https://model-a-ford.org/top-page-1/join/>

Event Calendar

May 13, 2023

2023 FVTC Car Show
1825 Bluemound Dr.
Appleton, WI

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.

April 14-16, 2023

Model A Restorers
Club (MARC)
Membership Meet
Bay City, Michigan

April 28-23, 2023

Spring Jefferson
Fri. 10a.m.-6p.m.
Sat. 6a.m.-4p.m.
Sun. 6a.m.-3p.m.
Jefferson, WI

June 4, 2023

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

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
anohl@excel.net
920-207-1196

New Business -

- Kevin Ress spoke of the Road America Model A Fall Tour to be held on September 30th, 2023. Model A's would meet at 11:00am at Road America for a 2-3 lap around the track, 1pm after the track social (to be announced, If anybody has any ideas for an after the track social reach out to Kevin or Nicole at 920-360-5430 call/text or KevinRess@yahoo.com) Meeting place and time for leaving for Road America are still in the works. On the flier that was passed around at the meeting states to register online for this event, that has been changed to register and pay with Fred Pennings instead of online.
- Dave Slattebo mentioned that on April 6th- There is a new car class starting at NWTC in GB on Thursday evenings cost is \$65 for 7 classes. If interested see Dave for details

Birthday and Anniversaries - were read by Alan Arenas-Grube

Swap and Sell - Tom Van Gemert has a 28-29 radiator shell, fair condition \$50. Alan Arenas-Grube has 2 Model A frames, AA long wheel base, Model T running boards for sale. Joe Marx in need of upper/rear bumper brackets.

Next Meeting - April 22nd at Al/Lisa Bobier Home for Spring Tune-up/Meeting 9am-1pm

Thanks to Hosts - Roy and Julie Farley and Marketplace staff

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Jim W. 2nd Jim H.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Farley, Club Secretary



See MARC website
for additional info:
[Model A Restorers
Club \(model-a-
ford.org\)](http://Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org))

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-Aug. 4, 2023

MARC National Meet
Hamilton, OH

July 30, 2023

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

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
1390 E Grand Ave,
Wittenberg, WI
Car Show Time: 8:00
AM – 1:00 PM
Arrival Time: 7:15 AM
Incentive: Each car
owner will receive a
Nueske's swag bag for
participating in this
event. Call Nicole
Hartjes at 920-939-6742
Or Email Nicole Hartjes
at [n.hartjes@-
mazingevents.com](mailto:n.hartjes@mazingevents.com)

September 22-24, 2023

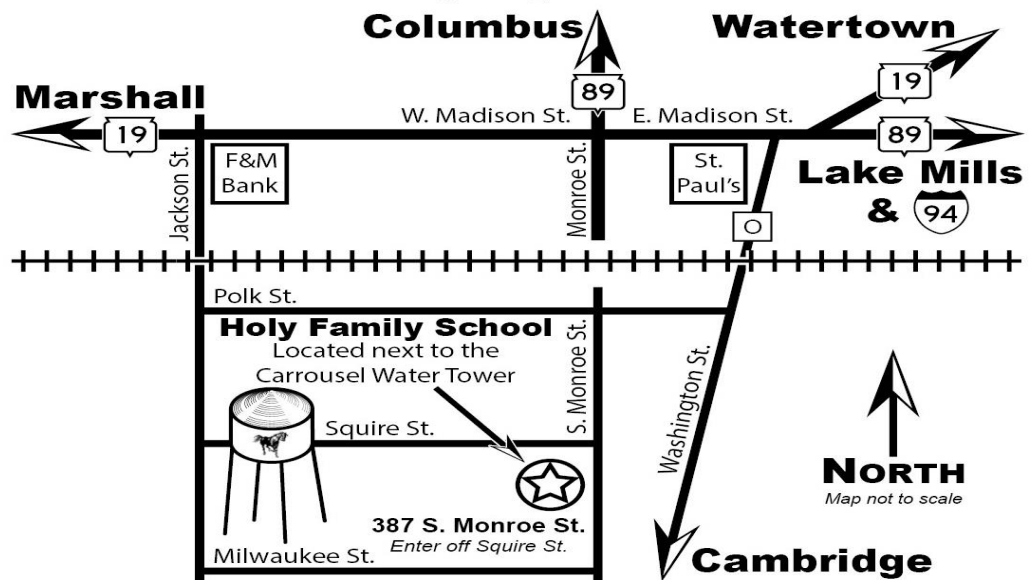
Fall Jefferson
Fri. 10a.m.-6p.m.
Sat. 6a.m.-4p.m.
Sun. 6a.m.-3p.m.
Jefferson, WI

September 30, 2023

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You're invited to join the Sillman Family for cake and coffee as they celebrate Paul Sillman's 90th birthday. The 9/10th of a Century Event will take place at Holy Family School in Waterloo on April 8th from 2-5 p.m. This is an open invite for all, spread the word. Call or text (920) 350-2291 for more information.

No gifts please.



Note: For the newer members of our club, Paul Sillman is from the Madison area Model A Club, but the Nickle A folks know him as one of the long-standing, hard workers for the WI Rapids Model A Reunion.

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

Road America
Opportunity for Model
A'ers! (see details in
this newsletter)

CLASSIFIEDS



For Sale Model A
Truck Named
"Bumble
Bee" \$9,000. Upgr
ades include 4
speed overdrive
trans. 16"
wheels with
hydraulic brakes.
Contact Dick
Ziegert 920-725-
7810, [E-
mail_polka635@ya
hoo.com](mailto:E-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.

Guest Fees: Each Adult, 21 and older..... \$20
Each Child, ages 6-20..... \$15

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 hookup:.....\$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 extra charges)

Henry, Edsel, and the Model "A" (excerpt taken from Floyd
Clymer's 1974 article by the same name)

Henry Ford was a man of great vision and courage. He was also a very
stubborn man and quite opinionated. Ford, brilliant man that he was, tried to
force the sale of the Model T for at least three years too long. . . . The three-
speed, sliding gear transmission had definitely arrived during the last years of
the Model T, yet Mr. Ford stubbornly refused to accept the three-speed
transmission as inevitable. He was still determined to push the Model T and,
even with some definite improvements in 1925, 1926, and 1927, he found that
he was fighting a losing battle. The "T" was through.

Much credit can be given to his son, Edsel, for convincing his father that the day
of the Model T was over. Edsel Ford was a brilliant man in his own right and yet
his knowledge and sales ideas were not easy to sell to his father

For Sale: 1931
Ford slant
windshield lower
door window
garnish moldings
2 ea. \$20.00
Call Craig Vosters
At 920-788-0289

For Sale: 1930 A
rumble seat coupe in
very good shape, runs
and drives
well. Some extra
parts included. Its
two-tone green dual
side mounts, rear
luggage rack and
trunk. Has hydraulic
(juice) brakes, LED tail
lights, and sealed
beam headlights.
Asking \$10,000. Call
Gary Bruce 920-231-
5246 or see at 6360
State Road 76,
Neenah, WI

FOR SALE: 1928-29
Grill Shell, \$50. Call
Tom Van Gemert at
920-621-7994

FOR SALE: 1976
Ford F350 Dually,
8-foot box, \$2100
or best offer. Call
Monty at 608-269-
3030.

FOR SALE: 1989
White Cadillac
Coup Deville Sedan
\$4100 or best
offer. Call Monty
at 608-269-3030

For Sale: 1930
Tudor. Garage space
needed for modern
car. Old father/son

When Mr. Ford finally decided to make this change, there were many long months that Ford cars were out of production and Ford dealers had nothing to sell. Most of them were geared to high pressure selling with substantial overhead. During the lean months between the Model T and the Model A, many dealers closed their doors ---some failed and others quit. Quite a number took on other makes, including Chevrolet, which, with its then modern three-speed transmission and the backing of General Motors, was cutting terrifically into Model T sales.

The suspense of what Henry Ford would offer in his new Model A was terrific. It was the best kept secret of the twenties, and few persons, even those in the industry, knew exactly what Ford was going to do. . .

Thousands of buyers had waited months and months just to buy the new car because of Ford's past reputation. I recall one instance that is interesting, in view of the fact that what we now know as "car bootlegging" was unheard of in those days. I lived in Denver, Colorado, at the time when the Model A was to be shown on a set date. A lot of teaser ads were appearing weekly in the newspapers. The Model A's were shipped under cover to all dealers and the secret as to what they would be like was well kept. Then a strange thing happened in Denver. A used car dealer by the name of Harry Leeman, who had been very successful with a prominent location on Broadway (Denver's auto row), pulled a real advertising stunt which threw a monkey wrench in the plans of the Denver Ford dealers and the Ford Motor Co.

It seems as though a Ford dealer in Missouri was disgruntled over the delay in Model A's coming and had taken on a Chevrolet agency. However, his new Ford A models were shipped before he had actually put up the Chevrolet sign. Leeman found out about the situation and bought the three samples. He trucked the cars to Denver under canvas cover.

One week before the Model A's were to be shown officially, Leeman ran a full page ad in the Denver newspapers, inviting the public to view the new Model A Fords at his used car sales room. Ford dealers and officials were wild with rage, but there was nothing they could do about it as Leeman had purchased and paid for the cars. Certainly this must have been the first indication of what we know now as "car bootlegging" . . .



Bootlegging-the illegal manufacture, distribution, or sale of goods.



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



April

ROAD AMERICA OPPORTUNITY!

by Kevin Ress

Here is the tentative schedule from Road America for the Model A's to be on track Saturday, September 30th. Do note this is a "casual" cruise around the track - no passing, racing maneuvers, etc.



- 11:30am -- Model A group should arrive by this time
- 11:45am -- Model A Drivers Meeting
- 12:10pm/12:15pm -- Model A's enter the track
- 12:40pm/12:45pm -- the last Model A exits the race track
- 12:45pm at the latest safety would return to stations
- 1pm – After track social to be arranged. (Track goes hot for Badger Bimmers : BMW Car Club of America chapter; they have track rented for the weekend)

Cost \$25.00 plus tax

Track Address: N7390 Hwy. 67, Plymouth, WI 53073; enter at GATE 6

Questions: Contact Nickle "A" region member Kevin Ress, at 920-360-5430 (call or text) or KevinRess@yahoo.com



Road America has hosted races since the 1950s and currently hosts races in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, IndyCar Series, SCCA Pirelli World Challenge, ASRA, AMA Superbike series, and SCCA Pro Racing's Trans-Am Series.

The track is situated on 640 acres and currently hosts over 400 events a year. Of its annual events, 9 major

weekends are open to the public which include 3 motorcycle events including the MotoAmerica (AMA FIM) series, 3 vintage car events, Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) events, the United Sports Car Racing Series, the Pirelli World Challenge, and the NASCAR Xfinity Series.

Road America is one of only a handful of road circuits in the world maintaining its original configuration being 4.048 miles in length with 14 turns. The track features many elevation changes, along with a long front stretch where speeds approaching 200 mph may be reached. One of the best-known features of this course is a turn on the backside known as "the kink".

Anniversaries

Ralph/Mary
Hayden

Mark/Karen
Kransusch

Roger/Christine
Witton

Keep Member of the Year, Kris Peterson, in your thoughts and prayers as he undergoes heart surgery on March 28.

BELATED Happy Birthday to Darlene Wagner who celebrated her birthday in March



April Birthdays

Tim Dolyesh
Richard Fink
Debbi Meulmans
Peg Olk
Tom Steinfeldt
Christine Witton



The Benefits of belonging to the Model A Restorers Club

1. "The Model A News" published bi-monthly which is filled with fantastic articles and information.
2. Access to one of our many Regions which may be located in your local area so you will meet other Model A enthusiasts. You will realize the wealth of knowledge that many of your fellow Model A members have in all subjects pertaining to the Model A.
3. If you are looking for a Model A you may find one in the "Cars For Sale" section in the Model A News which is free to all members of MARC. The same is true if you are looking to sell a car or parts and the "Wanted" section will give you an opportunity to find a part you may be looking for.
4. You and your family will be able to attend National Conventions designed for "Fun for the Whole Family"
5. You can become eligible for the MARC mileage program and awards in addition to whatever your local club does.
6. You are covered by a 5 million dollar liability insurance policy when participating in Model A events.

To Join MARC (Model A Restorer's Club) Go to www.model-a-ford.org to apply and pay on-line or fill out the form below and mail in with your dues



MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB
6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135 USA

U.S. Membership (Regular Mail).....\$50.00 Canada Membership (Air Mail).....\$60.00
 U.S. Membership (Air Mail).....\$62.00 International Membership (Air Mail).....\$70.00

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APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

Name (Print) _____
Spouse's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone Number _____
Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? _____
EMAIL address _____
Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? _____

Check, Visa, Master Card, Discover Card, American Express (Circle one)
Card Number _____
Expiration Date (mm/yy) _____ CVV (3 digit code on back of credit card) _____
Daytime Phone Number _____

Model A Quiz

What's the weight of a Model A engine, complete with clutch and transmission?

- a. 350 lbs
- b. 489 lbs
- c. 475 lbs

What is the crankcase capacity of the Model A?

- a. 4 ½ qts.
- b. 5 qts.
- c. Depends on the weight oil you are using

(Answers in next month's issue)

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