



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!

We think of March as the time when spring officially begins, but as Wisconsinites, we know it also can be a dramatic month with sometimes wild and shifting weather making March madness about more than basketball, in my opinion! Also, did you know "March" is named for the Roman god of war, Mars?

It should come as no surprise that March is the month for Irish American heritage. But that's not all that's going on in March. Here is a list of commonly known March happenings.

- **March 8** is **International Women's Day**, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights, but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.
- **March 12** is the start of **Daylight Saving Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. If your area observes it, don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!
- **March 15** is the **Ides of March!** Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March! (Hint: Think Julius Caesar).
- **March 17** is **St. Patrick's Day**. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity. I think the Wisconsin version is an excuse to drink green beer!
- **March 20** brings about the March equinox—also called the vernal or spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere

Whatever you observe in March, we are all aware that we're that much closer to Spring Tune up and our Spring Tour ---now, that's something to celebrate!

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

Roy

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Upcoming Nickle A Meeting

*At St. Elizabeth's
Marketplace
(cafeteria).
Breakfast/brunch
available to purchase.*

Address:

1506 South Oneida
Street, Appleton, WI
Park on Fremont Street
in front of hospital.

Meeting Dates

Sat., March 18

Time

9 a.m.
gathering/eating
10 a.m. meeting

February 18, 2023 Nickle A Model A Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at the Marketplace at St. with 64 members present. It was called to order at 10:03am by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests - David and Kayla Pietila, Menasha, WI

Secretary's Report - Approved as in Newsletter. Motion 1st Tom Schmidt 2nd Jim Hameister

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read by Julie Farley (stand in for snowbird Fred Pennings). Motions 1st Lisa Watermolen 2nd Nicole Ress

Vice Director's Report - Mileage discrepancies were fixed. Spring Tour is Saturday May 6th to Iola. All is set, just need a route. Instead of bag lunch Roy to cook something up. Need more people to sign-up for meetings, still have some openings. See Bill to set up.

Librarian's Report - to check a book out see Mary Lou Hegner

Donnas Sunshine Report - Ellen is back on chemo, keep Ellen in your thoughts and prayers along with Tom Schmidt has he had 2 surgeries, he is doing fine. George was sent to the ER instead of boarding a plane to AZ; he had pneumonia and was hospitalized to get a gall bladder stone removed a week later. Long time club member Marley Haase passed away.

Old Business - none

New Business -

- Tom Schmidt announced that Lucky Dog Car Show American Legion will be held May 29th; 9am-3pm (3pm trophy's) last year there were 127 cars hoping to have more this year. See flyer for more info.
- Joe Marx is looking for help to put a roof on 28 closed cab. Contact Joe if you're able to help.
- Larry & Sharon Krause have been long time friends with Shari Wells who makes night lights with Model A's on them, Shari is giving our club a 20% discount at \$20 each. Shari can also put many other things on the night lights. See a picture beneath the meeting minutes with order info.
- Kevin and Nicole had mentioned to the club to see if there would be any interest in attending the Johnsonville Fest and then head to Road America to take 3 laps around the track on July 10 cost is \$25 per car at Road America.
- Steve and Janelle Heise welcomed new baby Wilomena to the world. Congratulations to your family!
- Harbor Freight has a new team member, stop in and see Andrew Arenas-Grube.

Jerry's Corner- Jerry had applications to join MARC at the meeting.

Birthday and Anniversaries - were read by Alan Arenas-Grube

Swap and Sell - Dick Ziegert has 1930 Model A Truck for sale, lots updates \$9500. Alan Arenas-Grube has AA truck spare tire frame & axle \$200, Model A frame \$100, cross member.

Next Meeting - March 18, 2023 at the Marketplace **Thanks to Hosts** - Roy and Julie Farley and the Marketplace staff **Motion to Adjourn:** 1st Joyce Lindsey 2nd Jacob Woelfel
Respectfully submitted by Julie Farley, Club Secretary



Event Calendar

February 26, 2023

WI Chapter Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) Swap Meet at Washington County Fairgrounds West Bend. Nickle A attendees spotted: Jim Gilson, Neil Damsheuser, Steve Moore, Cindy Ellenbecker, Craig Vosters

March 18, 2023

New London St. Pat's Day Parade (see info in newsletter)

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

June 4, 2023

Sharon Model A Days,
Sharon, 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

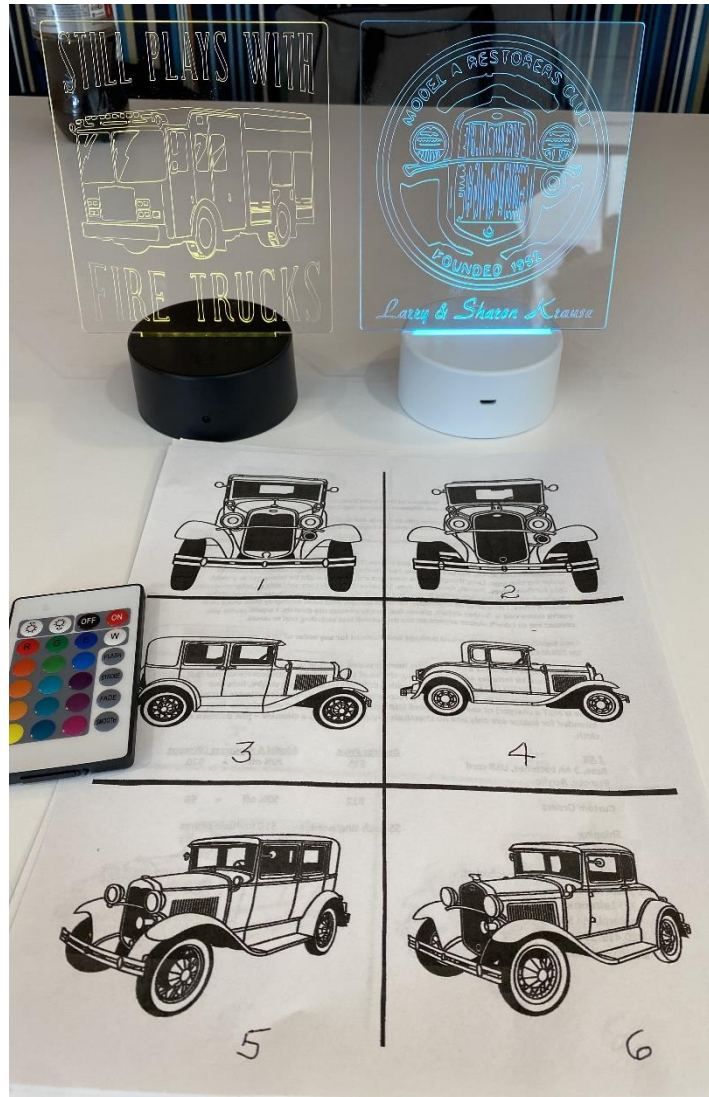


Photo below:

The lone Model A at the February meeting against the snow and sea of modern cars at the February meeting belongs to none other than, Jim Hameister!



To order:

Contact Shari Wells

920-419-1984

Email:

Sharisssheshed@

yahoo.com

\$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping (includes, base, 3 AA batteries, USB cord remote, acrylic

Call Shari about custom orders.

Photo at left: samples 1 - 6 of the different Model A's that can be made into night lights by Shari

July 10, 2023

Johnsonville's Sausage Fest and Road America
Contact Allen Nohl
anolh@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-Aug. 4, 2023

MARC National Meet
Hamilton, OH

September 15-16, 2023

Model A Days Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

September 22-24, 2023

Jefferson Swap Meet,
Jefferson, WI

CLASSIFIEDS

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.

In years past, many of our club members have participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New London. Below is the information if you wish to be a participant.

"The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Registration MUST be returned by March 1, 2023:
Contact Info: Connor & Kayla Loughrin (920-538-0326 / Jill Arent (920-809-2361)

IOLA Car Show Update by Fred Pennings

The IOLA Car Show is July 6, 7, & 8, and it will be here before you know it, so I want to give an update on what this year will look like.

As you know our club invested funds to further improve the campground facilities.

As part of our pre & post show volunteering, we will be working this year to get the updated campsites ready--- amongst other projects. This means we'll be making weekly trips, typically Wednesdays, to IOLA starting as early as mid-April. Our usual departure time from George Bresnahan's house is 7:45-8:00 am. Please contact George or me if you'll be participating on any particular week. We like to leave as soon as everyone expected is there. If you've been able to volunteer in the past and have email, I'll keep you informed via that medium.

Also, as a reminder, if you plan to work at IOLA at least 6 hours per day and want to camp with the other Nickle A workers, I need to know as soon as possible if you need a campsite. So far, I have Steve Moore, Tim Welch, Scott Lamers, Jim Gilson, and me needing a site. If you'd like one, contact me ASAP so I can get that handled.

Lasty, you probably heard by now our Spring Tour setup by George, Bill Lindsley, and Jim Hameister will be May 6 to the IOLA show grounds.

Thanks. Cheers. And Godspeed my friends. See you in spring and don't hate me because I have a suntan!

Fred Pennings, IOLA-Nickle A Region Liaison



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: 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.

Jim Hameister had Henry's Lady out for a Valentine's breakfast on February 14! You may remember he was tearing around in his Model A February 2022 as well!



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. Participation Ribbons will be issued upon finalizing registration and must be worn at ALL times to enjoy the free drinks and meals over the weekend. We also ask that you wear your club's name badge! 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

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

For Sale: 1931 (early) Victoria, body wood kit installed, 99% complete, all parts are there. 30/31 reproduction deck lid, never used. Shock, carbs, light rails, many other parts, call with your needs and wants. Jim Malcheski, (608) 924-1075 or (608) 575-9057.

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor. Older restoration, in good condition. This car is drive able as is, nothing needed to enjoy. \$7000. Call Sharon, (920) 650-4910.

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: A Mitchell overdrive or a 4 speed conversion transmission. If anyone has one or is doing the conversion, I would

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?

____ Central Wisconsin MARC/MAFCA

____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 and family option to avoid additional charges



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

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Hilton Double Tree Riverfront • Bay City, Michigan

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be interested in talking to them. Jim Kranpitz 920-284-4075 or email: Itascalatitude@yahoo.com



March Anniversaries

Neil/Carol Damscheuser

Bob/Linda Fischer

Jim/Colleen Garrigan



BELATED FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WISH TO:

Yun Kyung Lee (John Nowak's wife)



Meet Mike and Tina Watermolen!

Mike and Tina have Mike's dad's Model A, a 1930 Sedan Deluxe. Mike's dad always intended to build his own model A, so over the years he collected parts as he found them. Unfortunately, all those parts were never united, but the story of how Mike's dad finally got his dream car is interesting.

The original owner and tinkle of this vehicle resided in North Dakota and the son of this

gentleman was a long-time neighbor of Mike's dad's. After the neighbor's dad passed; this same neighbor inherited the vehicle, which was then trailered to Wisconsin and placed into his garage and not driven. Some years later, the neighbor was having a garage sale, so Mike's dad decided to take a walk over to chat. Of course, once he saw the Model A in the garage the entire conversation focused on that car; he was in awe of it! Further into the conversation, Mike's dad found out the neighbor wasn't really attached to the car, so he asked if he would be interested in selling it. A deal was struck!

Unfortunately, the battery needed to be replaced, so not to let that spoil the excitement, Mike's dad and the neighbor pushed the car from one garage to another. Good thing they lived right next door!!

Shortly after that purchase, the health of Mike's dad started to fail, so the car sat for 18 months. It wasn't until a Watermolen family reunion that Mike realized his cousin Jim belonged to the Nickle Model A Club. At the end of that day Jim and Mike made plans to look at the Sedan the following week. Mike bought a new battery for it and it started right up.

Mike's dad, Ron, got his first ride in the Sedan in 2021 and his grin was from ear to ear on the entire drive. Sadly, Mike's dad passed away that following spring: May of 2022. His headstone has finally arrived and will be placed this spring, so the family is planning a ride to the cemetery in the "A" to honor Ron and pay tribute.



March Birthdays

Mary Braasch
Pat Braasch
Eileen Defferding
Matt DeWitt
Lloyd Gauerke
Joyce Lindsley
Cathy Lukas
Steve Paalman
Nicole Nohl-Ress
Vicki Schmidt
David Slattebo
Scott Steinfeldt
Carolyn Steinfeldt
Lisa Watermolen



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Dan Hetke and
Stacey Christian
from New
London, WI*

*Dominic
Aloplanalp from
Kimberly, WI*



Above: Mike and Tina Watermolen's Family Heirloom Car, a 1930 Sedan Deluxe

Mike works full-time for a Green Bay commercial construction company that builds schools, hospitals, and casinos, so he is on the road a lot. Tina works closer to home, so she's in charge of keeping the home fires burning! They are both avid outdoor people, which is why they decided to make their residence in the country on 20 acres, but spend a lot of their time at their property on the Rat River or the family cabin on a lake in Mercer, WI. Mike and Tina are on the go quite often, but always look forward to an enjoyable ride on their UTV vehicles through the woods and soaking up sunshine on their yearly two-week vacation to the Bahamas. Mike and Tina have two grown boys; Kyle, 32 years old, who lives in Rochester, MN and Dylan, 28 who lives in Wauwatosa. Dylan has a pretty serious interest in Model A's, so if Mike and Tina would only get Dylan to move closer to home, they'd recruit him as a new member!

(In case you're interested, Mike and Nickle A Webmaster/Historian Jim Watermolen are cousins.)

MODEL A YOU TUBE VIDEOS –for those snowy March days when you have to be indoors! www.youtube.com/user/paulshinn Paul Shinn is the "Model A Man" and is about to launch (April) a restoration on a 1931 Woody Wagon for the Model A Ford Foundation Inc (MAFFI). But, all his You Tube videos have much to offer the Model A enthusiast.

Model A Restorer's Club NATIONAL MEET

When: July 30, 2023 – August 4, 2023 **Where:** Holiday Inn
5800 Muhlhauser Rd. West Chester Township, OH

Contacts: Mark Maron (847) 302-7900 or Lee Froehle (614) 580-1950

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