



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, Roy Farley



First, I'd like to say THANK YOU to all the members who donated baskets for the bucket raffle for our annual Christmas party. We had 32 buckets full of raffle tickets because of all the donation. The proceeds from the bucket raffle will go to a member in need.

Then we had a 50/50 raffle and Al Bobier won the \$297.00 Being the good husband, Al promptly deposited the money in wife Lisa's purse!

There were also dozens of door prizes galore: poinsettias, miniature decorated Christmas trees, gift certificates, and cash. In all, most everyone went home with a gift/treasure from the Christmas party.

Kevin Ress outdid himself again this year with placemats and the brain teasers kept the conversation lively at the tables.

And folks, did you notice ---we had dressing this year!! Dressing was missed last year so we made darn certain that the crowd went home happy and with full tummies!

Don't forget to sign up to host a meeting in 2024. Jim Hameister is in charge of seeking out hosts, so be certain to connect with him. Also, remember that we are committing to weekly summer rides, so be thinking of where the group could go for a day trip. Fred Pennings would love to hear from you!

2024 will be a great year for the Nickle A Club! Waiting to Motor On in my A!

Happy New Year!

Roy



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Event Calendar

Next 3 Nickle A
Model A meetings are
at St. Elizabeth's
Marketplace
(cafeteria)

Breakfast/brunch
available to purchase.

Address:
1506 S. Oneida St.
Appleton, WI

Outstanding Member of the Year, Jim Watermolen



Jim likes to quietly contribute behind the scenes. When he accepted his award, he said, "I don't do what I do for recognition; I just like to help out and help other people." Well, he most certainly helps out the Model A Club!!

Come early to a meeting or stay later and you can glimpse Jim in action.

Among the many things we attribute to Jim Watermolen are these: He

- maintains and continually refreshes the Nickle A website.
- posts regularly on Facebook, so that folks who don't have a chance to get to events or meetings can always see what the club is doing.
- has been in charge of name tags for years and is always making certain we have fresh new nametags.
- has helped with the club Christmas party for years.
- works and stays at lola during the car show doing some long shifts.
- volunteers to host a meeting every time the club gets in a bind and needs a host.
- can be found helping out at every meeting, from setting up tables and chairs to running the door prize event.
- serves on any committee that needs a helping hand within the club.

Time 9:00
gathering/eating

Meeting at 10 a.m.

Dates:
January 20
February 17
March 16

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

April 4-6, 2004
MARC Membership
Meet, Joliet, IL. Call
Randy Redman (815)
436-8965 or Email
randallredman@
gmail.com

May 21-23, 2024
MARCH National
Tour: Backroads and
Buggies
Contact Jennifer
Zellen, 1807 Squirrel
Valley Drive,
Bloomfield Hills, MI
48304 (tour goes
through Ohio)

July 15-18, 2024
MARC National Meet
Asheville, NC
Call Paul Ganninger
314-852-5591 or
Email

Jim grew up in Howard, WI. It should not be a surprise to anyone to learn that Jim served as a volunteer firefighter for 18 years and a volunteer EMT for 10 years.

Jim has made a career in maintenance and currently works as a Maintenance Manager at Winona Foods. He met his wife, Lisa, in the workplace where she was a machine operator and he was a maintenance tech. The couple has been married for 11 years and share 6 children and 10 grandchildren, so theirs is a busy household. Jim is affectionately called "Pops" by Lisa's kids and you can tell from the interaction that they are very close to Jim.

Jim and Lisa live in Freedom but have recently purchased a gorgeous year around property in Amberg. It's their "up north" retreat and Jim always teases Lisa that she doesn't want to come back to Freedom once she gets to Amberg.

When Jim isn't volunteering somewhere, he tinkers over at the Farley Ranch on the "toys" (Roy has several Model A's). Jim also likes the self-taught lifelong learning and lessons that he gives himself on his computer. Jim has a good start on his own collection of Model A's too; he has a 1930 closed cab pick-up, and a 1929 AA truck,

He's dreaming of



completing an express bed on that AA truck too! Jim is also yearning for a panel truck too, so if you come across one, he'd appreciate a call!

So, when you see Jim, don't forget to thank him for all that he does. And remember, next to every successful man is the supportive wife, Lisa, who gives up time with Jim when the Nickle A Club is getting volunteer help!

MARCMEET2024@
gmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS

Nickle A Club ads

WANTED: Wanted :
Model A cowl. any year
is ok. Roy Farley 920-
224-5261.

FOR SALE:
Model A powered
Smith Air
Compressor. Trailer
mounted factory unit.
\$875

AA Marsh Tractor
Spoke front wheels
\$775

2 – A powered Saw
rigs
\$350-\$650

Contact John Shaetz
920-566-4652

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

Nickle A Christmas Party was its usual resounding success!



There were a 100 members at the December meeting/Christmas party. We may have set a record!

Ribbons were handed out for participants of the Spring Tour, the Corn Roast, and the Fall Tour.

Plaques were handed out to members who attained over a 1000 miles with their Model A's in the last year's driving season.

Awards went to

Tom Schmidt with 1097 miles

Dick Ziegert with 1160 miles

Jerry Braasch with 1191 miles

Fred Pennings with 1536 miles

George Bresnahan with 1705 miles

Alan Arenas-Grube with 1800 miles

Jim McCabe with 1859 miles

Jim Hameister with 1879 miles

Cindy Ellenbecker with 1959 miles

Dennis Voss with 1970 miles

Bob Hegner with 2209 miles

Ron Meverden with 3004 miles



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.

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



award and Raquel all decked out



it never be said that Alan and Raquel Arenas-Grube don't know how to make a party festive!

Alan with his mileage



Left: Chris Peterson (wife Debbie right behind him) with his award as last year's Member of the Year.

At right: Lane (Gene and Mary Lou Hegner's grandson), smiles proudly for his Youngest Achiever Award. Lane has been working on building himself a pint-sized vehicle this last year—one that he can legally drive!!

You may remember, the club donated \$500 to his project this fall to assist in Youth Model A interest and enabling Lane to continue working on his "car".



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



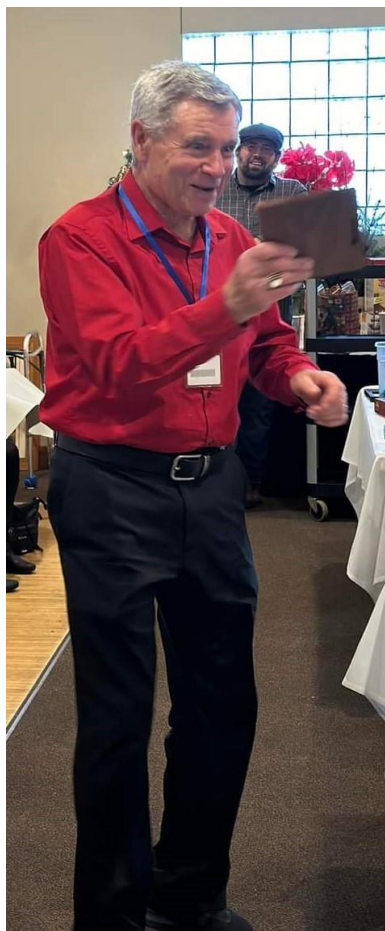
Wisconsin Region MARC (Madison)

Wanted: 1930-31 Headlight bar and/or headlights. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057 or (608) 924-1075.

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.

For Sale: Beam's 1929 Ford Model A Woodie Station Wagon Decanter, 80% Kentucky Straight Whiskey. Beam's 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton Decanter, 80% Kentucky Bourbon. Neither one has been opened, \$100 each. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057 or (608) 924-1075.

For Sale: 1/16 Scale McCormick Farmall Super M-TA Tractor



Top Left: Dennis Voss is pretty excited to get his mileage award again this year too!



George Bresnahan is confused. His gift was chocolate covered cotter pins, and he HATES cotter pins, so he can't figure out who would do that!

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 Cty 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 table and admittance for two people.

with wagon, made by Ertl Collectibles, stock number A032. This is 1 of 100 that were made for the 1996 Wisconsin Farm Progress Days, still in box. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057 or (608) 924-1075.

For Sale: 1/16 Scale Tractors: Case 800, John Deere Model HN, Massey-Harris 44 Special, made by Ertl. All have rubber tires, steerable front end, and still in original boxes. \$35/tractor, OBO. Call/Text Tony (920) 350-2291.

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

FOR SALE: K. R. Wilson Model A main

MAFFI Minute (Model A Ford Foundation Inc.)

Welcome 2024! Exciting changes are happening at the Model A Museum at Gilmore. And we are still gladly accepting contributions to the expansion as we grow our Model A Museum: Hint hint! (www.maffi.org and then click on Expansion to donate). Part of the Gilmore Auto Museum's mission and the Model A Museum's mission is to expand educational opportunities, so both organizations have their sights set on making the educational piece a part of all new additions.

As well as our upcoming Model A Museum addition, the Gilmore Auto Museum is expanding in several areas too, so our timing at the Model A museum is perfect to join in the growth on the campus. The Gilmore is adding a pavilion with an entertainment stage, a three season building for events, and insulating and repurposing the Carriage House so it can be used for events. With three new event venues, the Gilmore museum realized it also needed to construct a picnic shelter, add restrooms, and upgrade/expand the outdoor food service. All of these changes are driven by the increase in the number of visitors to the museum; after all, America has long been known as having a love affair with its automobiles! The Gilmore Auto Museum, of which the Model A Museum is a part of, has become a vacation destination for automobile aficionados.

While you're in the New Year's resolution mood, make plans to visit Hickory Corners, Michigan this next year to see all the exciting things happening. The museum changes all the time, so there's always several new learning opportunities, great new exhibits, and fabulous cars to see.

Happy New Year,

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary

Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.



Night photo of the Model A Museum decked out for the holidays at Hickory Corners, MI (part of the Gilmore Auto Museum)

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

January Anniversaries

Herb/Vi Grube
Chuck/Karen Hockers
John/George Schaez
Craig/Kate Vosters
Tim/Janie Welch



January Birthdays

Jerry Braasch
David Froelich
Jim Garrigan
Jim Gilson
Ron Green
Eric Haban
Mary Lou Hegner
Peggy Lee Hoks
Fred Pennings
George Schaez
Ray Schmoeker
Dennis Voss
Tina Watermolen
Tim Welch
Jean Woefel
Karen Ziegert

Nickle A Editor's Note:

Pictures, articles, classified ads are due to Editor, Cindy Ellenbecker (bhavenfiberarts@yahoo.com) no later than the 20th 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 something with your talking and my typing!

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

MESSAGE FROM MARC: As your MARC Director of Regions, I am disappointed to announce that effective 12/31/2023 your Board has voted to discontinue the "Spark Plug" program, 50% off of the first 12 months membership for new members to your Region who are not MARC members.

Unfortunately, the number of new members signed up for this program did not justify its continuation. As you know, I read many regions' newsletters each month. Most regions have welcomed a number of new members this year, many more new members than were signed up for our "Spark Plug" program.

We currently have 14 Regions who have 100% MARC membership and have received a free set of Technically Speaking books.

I am asking those regions who have not yet attained 100% MARC membership to encourage your region officers to continue to promote MARC membership to all of your club members. MARC membership continues to decline each year. We must increase membership to maintain the level of services, including our excellent *Model A News*, that we currently provide.

Thank you all for your continuing support.
Jim Zimmer
Director of Regions

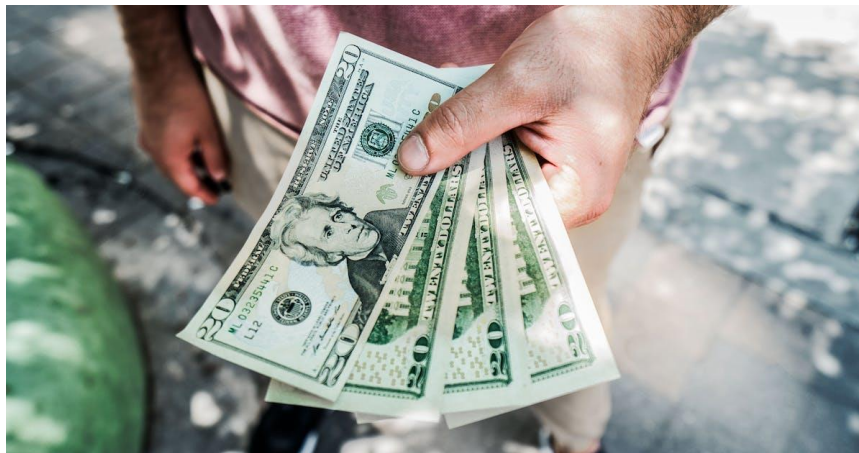


Congratulations to **Gene and Mary Lou Hegner for supporting the Model A Restorers Club for 40 years!!** Their name was listed on page 39 of the November/December issue of the *Model A News* magazine.

Model A Reunion

News:The Wisconsin Region MARC (Madison area) has voted to stop being one of the participating clubs in this annual event due to aging membership and lack of participation. Please put this in your newsletter.

---Tony Sillman



Some seminars at the MARC Membership meet in Joliet, IL Friday, April 5- Sunday, April 7:

1. McQuires Auto Polish products and techniques
2. Get your kicks on Route 66
3. The History of the Chicago Automobile show 1901-2023
4. At the Joliet Junior College Auto Shop (members who bring their cars will have their vehicles put on a lift for general inspection checking alignment, electrical and headlamps.)
5. Sheet Metal
6. A Look inside fashion judging Model A Era
7. Tools
8. And evening at the Beller Museum

Host Hotel is Holiday Inn and Suites. Group rate is \$139 (mention MARC), call 779-206-2915

It's time to pay your 2024 dues if you have not already done so. Fred Pennings needs the \$20.00 now to keep you on the roster and to keep your newsletter coming. Checks payable to Nickle A Model A Club (\$20.00) and mail them to: Fred Pennings, 2201 Kavanaugh Rd., Kaukauna, WI 54130

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 _____
