



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



Model A'ers:

With March nearly upon us, Mother Nature keeps teasing us with warm weather and as soon as we think we can fire up the Model A's, we get wind and snow! Our spring bulbs in the yard aren't sure what they should do right now . . . pop their little heads out or stay tucked in!

With Daylight Savings Time on March 10, St. Patrick's Day on March 17, followed by the official start of spring (Spring Equinox) on March 19, and Easter Sunday following on March 31, it does feel a lot like the start of another Model A driving season! Then we have Spring Tune up to look forward to at the Al Bobier residence on April 20, so all those things bring us closer to our upcoming Spring Tour!

Julie and I did get to Florida a few days ago; we took Jim and Lisa Watermolen for reinforcements. Somebody had to check up on the Pennings, Marousek, Hayden and Fischer Nickle A members. I got a call from the local constabulary in Florida reporting excessive noise and raucous behavior, so Jim, Lisa, Julie and I "took one for the Model A Team" and drove down to Florida to settle the troops down! (That's my story and I'm sticking to it!).



Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring, and Happy Easter everyone,

Roy

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Event Calendar

Next Nickle A Model
A meeting is at St.
Elizabeth's
Marketplace
(cafeteria)

March 16

Breakfast/brunch
available to purchase.

Address:
1506 S. Oneida St.
Appleton, WI
Time 9:00
gathering/eating

Meeting at 10 a.m.

February 10, 2024 Nickle A Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at St. Elizabeth Marketplace with 56 members present; no guests this meeting. Newest member Karen Wager attended her first meeting. Meeting called to order at 10:05a.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Report- There is open meetings to host, if interested contact Jim Hameister to see what is available. Also see Fred Pennings or Jim Hameister about the Tuesday Tours if interested to join or host a tour.

Treasurer's Report – Approved as read by Roy Farley (stand in for Fred Pennings) 1st Jerry B. ; 2nd Gene H.

Secretary's Report – Approved as in newsletter. 1st Jake W.; 2nd Dennis V.

Vice Director's Report – Tuesday Tour sign-up sheet to join the tour or to plan a tour was passed around. If interested in Tuesday Tour contact Jim H. 920-740-9110

Librarian's Report – Check out a book today! Let Mary Lou or Gene Hegner know and they will make arrangements to get you the book.

Donna's Sunshine Report-

- Continue prayers for Ellen Hegner
- Tom Steinfeldt was hospitalized Wednesday, send prayers.
- Jim Hameister spent 2 days at the Farley Bed & Breakfast (St. Elizabeth Hospital) for a valve job on the heart. Good care and excellent food. Thanks for the food and visits from my adopted son, Roy.
- David Slattebo has come down with a pretty severe cold.

Old Business-

- Letter was sent to Menard's for the Iola Shelter, have not heard anything yet.
- Jim W. is making name tags (had the machine at meeting) if in need of one please let Jim W know; email him at jimwatermolen@gmail.com or text 920-412-1235

New Business-

- Memorial Day Car Show in Neenah, Lucky Dog's Bar & Neenah American Legion Memorial Day Car Show; Tom S. bought fliers to the meeting.
- To sign up for MARC it is \$50 annually to join, new members are always welcomed. The MARC News magazine is now available online for those that have paid their annual dues. Available online only to those that paid the annual dues and if MARC home office has your email address.
- Alan Grube announced that he'll be a new grandpa in August 2024 to a grandson. Congratulations Monica and Scott!

Birthday & Anniversaries were read by Julie F.

Swap and Sell- Tom Van Gemert has a 1929 Roadster project for sale.

Next Meeting- March 16, 2024 at St. Elizabeth Hospital Marketplace

Thanks to Host- Thank You to Roy and Julie Farley and all the great staff at St. E's Marketplace

Motion to Adjourn- 1st Tom S ; 2nd Jake W.

Respectfully Submitted by Club Secretary Julie Farley

April 22

Al/Lisa Bobier home for Spring Tune-up/April meeting

Meeting 10 am; then work on cars until 1pm. N245 DeBruin Rd, Kaukauna, WI

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.**

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

MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America National Events)

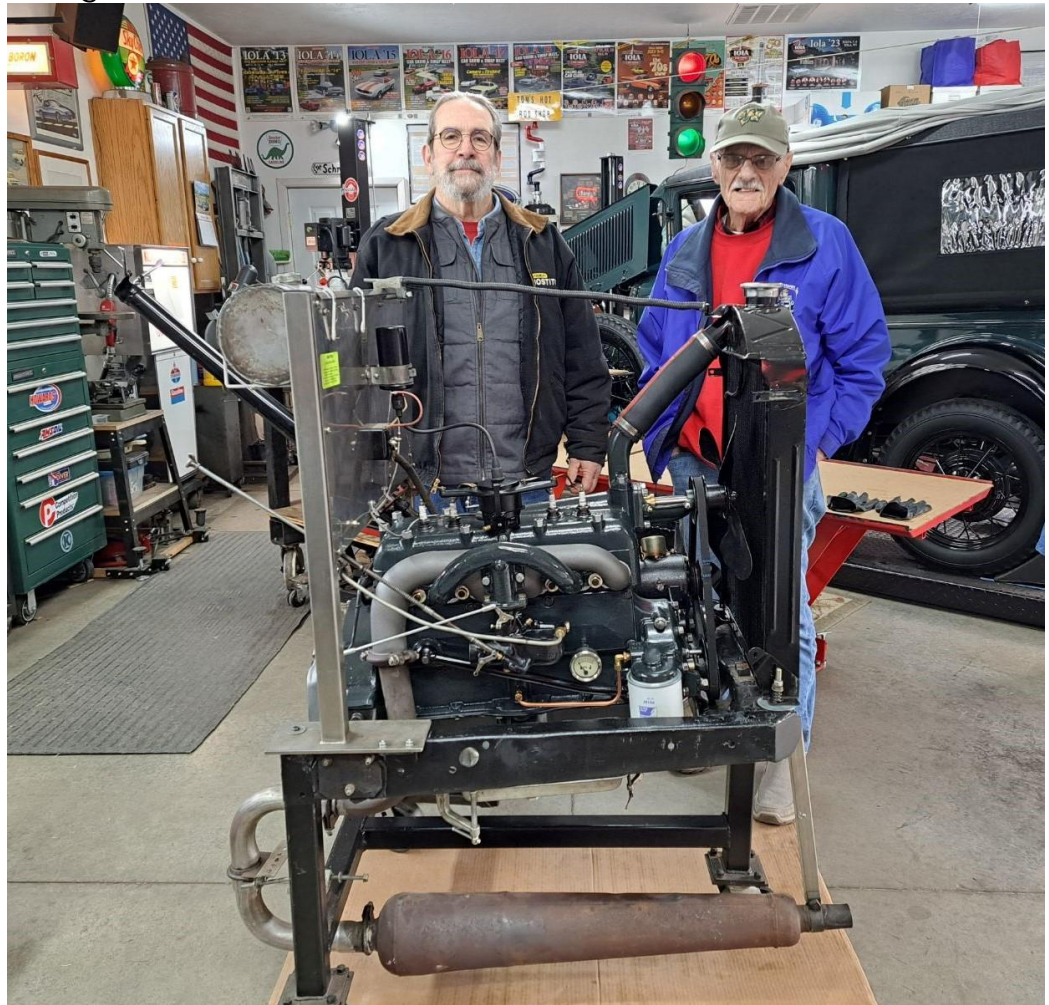
June 23rd -29th:
Convention in Ruidoso, NM.

July 15-18, 2024
MARC National Meet Asheville, NC
Call Paul Ganninger 314-852-5591 or Email MARCMEET2024@gmail.com

MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America National Events)

Dec 11th-14th: National Awards Banquette in Salt Lake City, UT.

The Burtz Block in running and two proud worker bees, Tom Schmidt and George Bresnahan are happy boys! The engine will be installed in Kris Peterson's car as soon as Kris can get at his car in storage.



PRAYERS NEEDED: Hello to all the members of the Model A group from member Susan Janke. "I just want to give you an update on Lyle. February 13th we decided to bring hospice into the home, Lyle is staying comfortable and resting. His hope is to see his 65th birthday, March 4th, and to celebrate our first anniversary March 11th. Prayers are welcome." Susan's email is gsuzyq59@gmail.com "Thanks for understanding about the situation. God bless" Susan Janke



CLASSIFIEDS

Nickle A Club ads

FOR SALE: One set of front seat extension brackets for a Tudor Sedan. Extends approximately 5" in 1" increments. \$100.00. Don Paalman 920-540-0193

For Sale: Project! 1929 Model A Speedster Rootlieb Kit. Orig. engine & suspension. Chassis is completed. Fenders, running boards, aprons are painted & installed. New tires. Wheels are powder coated apple green. Body work done and is in epoxy primer. Car is 90% completed, has WI title. Have too many other projects. \$10,000 in parts alone, just want to break even on parts. All my labor on this project is FREE. Contact Tom VanGemert, (920) 621-7994. (Finished car will look a lot like the picture below



For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor. Late 1990 body-off restoration with all original chassis, body and fenders. New interior. Converted to 12V. Runs and drives great. Beautiful car!



"That's not a leak. My Ford's just marking its territory"

Did you know that the Head Coach, Andy Reid, of the 2024 Super Bowl champs, the Kansas City Chiefs, is a Model A guy? He enjoys driving around in his 1928 Ford Model A Coupe, which he inherited from his late father (Coach Reid had the car restored.) Reid, who was an assistant coach in Green Bay from 1992–



98, earned his first Super Bowl ring after the Packers won Super Bowl XXXI in 1997. While in Green Bay, he got to

know "a couple of old guys who restored these things," so—flush with a little extra Super Bowl cash—he trailered the Model A from Los Angeles to Wisconsin, and work began soon after.

Looking to plan a summer trip? Check out some of these classic car places!

Michigan Classic Car Museum Has Been Named 'Best In The World'

By Mark Frankhouse, published February 23, 2024

It should come as no surprise that the Gilmore Car Museum in Richland (actual address is Hickory Corners), The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, and the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit were given the top spots **according to a new Auto Trader survey**. It turns out the top-rated museum had a Google review of 4.9 and 177,600 annual global searches. In fact, out of the top 20 car museums in the world, Michigan landed on this list three times.

Here are the museums and their rankings

1. Gilmore Car Museum, Richland, Michigan (Hickory Corners), USA

Asking \$13,900 OBO
John Holtan, 920-470-4396 See pictures below



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

2. Nethercutt Collection, California, USA
3. Tiriac Collection, Otopeni, Romania
4. Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Indiana, USA
5. Revs Institute, Florida, USA
6. Museum of American Speed, Nebraska, USA
7. Automuziejus Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania
8. Henry Ford Museum, Michigan, USA
9. Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, England
10. Lane Motor Museum, Tennessee, USA
11. Blackhawk Automotive Museum, California, USA
12. Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing, Florida, USA
13. National Automobile Museum, Nevada, USA
14. Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Michigan, USA
15. Malta Classic Car Museum, St. Paul's Bay, Malta
16. Studebaker National Museum, Indiana, USA
17. Great Britian Car Journey, Derbyshire, England
18. Rahmi M. Koc Musuem, Istanbul, Turkey
19. Riga Motor Museum, Riga, Lativia
20. Simeone Foundation Museum, Pennsylvania, USA f

Read More: Michigan Classic Car Museum Has Been Named 'Best In The World' | https://wrkr.com/best-car-museum-michigan/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral

MEET KAREN WAGNER, our newest member

I'm originally from Michigan, born and raised in the Detroit area. I'm a teacher, having taught behaviorally, emotionally, and learning challenged students for 38 years. Although I love teaching, I decided to retire in June 2022 to help my husband navigate the challenges of Parkinson's Disease and to babysit our newest grandchild. We were married almost 32 years, with 4 children and 6 grandchildren, before he suffered 2 massive heart attacks and passes away in December 2022. Since we were planning to move closer to our 2 youngest children, in Green Bay and DePere, I continued with that plan.

After living with my daughter and her family for 4 months, I finally moved into my own home in November. It's been a wild ride, but I'm finally settling in to my new life in Green Bay.



Contact John Shaetz
920-566-4652

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.

Wisconsin Region MARC (Madison)

Wanted: Headlight
reflectors for Model A.
Switching to LED, so
they don't need to be
perfect, but would want
them presentable.
Call/Text Tony
(920) 478-4541.

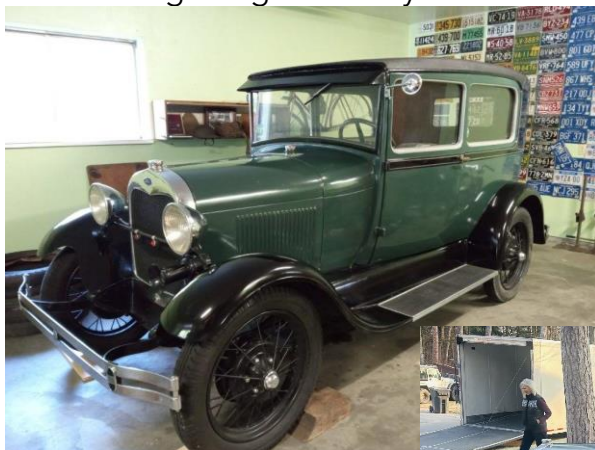
For Sale: 1930 Model A
Ford Town Sedan,
formerly owned by Ed
Moehrke, Blue with gray
wheels. Good driver,
could use cosmetics on
exterior. Interior not
original. Accepting
offers. Calle Warren
608-838-8668.

For Sale: 1/16 Scale
Tractors: Case 800,
John Deere Model HN,
all made by Ertl
Collectibles. All have
rubber tires, steerable
front end and still in
original
boxes. \$35/tractor,

I was pleasantly surprised by the opportunity to buy my Model A. She is also a Michigan girl, arriving in Wisconsin on December 21, 2023. She's a 1928 sedan that my grandp and dad each owned before they sold her to my dad's cousin in 1954. She was my dad's car when he and my mom were courting, and still has their Michigan State College sticker on the window 😊

I'm really looking forward to learning how to care for my Model A, a shared passion with my son. I'm also eagerly awaiting spring, as I love being outside doing yard work, taking walks, biking, and taking my granddaughter to parks. Although my current hobby appears to be unpacking boxes, I'm anticipating having more time to be outside, read, play the piano, and maybe even rekindle my artistic side.

Thank you for the warm welcome you've given me. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.



Karen Wagner's 1928 Model A

MAFFI Minute (Model A Ford Foundation Inc.)

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

OBO. Call/Text Tony
(920) 478-4541.

For Sale: 1930 Town Sedan Deluxe. Frame up rebuild, intended for Touring Class judging. New Wood, exclusive Ford Maroon, painted stripe, Firestone tires, professionally installed L-B interior. Really nice car. \$27k or good offer. See pictures at www.concklin.net.

Central WI Chapter ads
Wisconsin Rapids

For Sale: 1928-29 Radiator fan shroud. \$40. Call Dale 715-347-6166.

Wheeling A's Wisconsin Chapter ads

No ads this month



March Anniversaries

Neil/Carol Damsheuser

Bob/Linda Fischer

Lyle/Susan Janke

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.



Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding

and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary-Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

Another Travel Destination Idea ...

courtesy of Jim Watermolen

While Roy, Julie, Lisa and I were in Florida, we visited the Ford Garage for lunch and attended the Florida Fly Wheelers Tractor and Fly Wheel Show. The show highlighted from an era in groups from working heavy equipment to drag line cranes, graders, bull dozers to 1910 and up, tractors, and steam engines working a sawmill in action!

There were period correct buildings with personal collections. The Model A's in the pictures were taken from a car dealer display on the property.

Jim/Colleen Garrigan

Tom/Vicki Schmidt

It was a great show with people from all over the US and Canada, with products on display. The chill thing about this show was that you rent a golf cart, and all the roads through the area are one way roads. Roads are wide enough that if you wanted to stop shop you simply pulled to the side and got off and did so.

The swap vendors had all the typical swap merchandise, but we did find a few good buys! It was a great day with temps around 76, with rain the previous days. There was little to no dust in the air but plenty of sun. We were told they hold two of these a year in the Spring and in Fall (Feb and Sept/Oct). I would highly recommend spending the day there in February if you're in the area!



Sample pictures Jim Watermelon shared from the Florida visit

March Birthdays

Mary Braasch

Pat Braasch

Eileen Defferding

Matt DeWitt

Lloyd Gauerke

Lyle Janke

Joyce Lindsley

Cathy Lukas

Chuck Marousek

Nichole Nohl-Ress

Steve Paalman

David Slattebo

Carolyn Steinfeldt

Darlene Wagner

Lisa Watermolen





Know anybody interested in joining our club? Here's the form below:

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 _____

