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From the Editor...



John Emmering

Dear Readers:

The theme of our August issue is a recap of the 2026 MARC National Meet our club sponsored along with the Hoosier Hills Model A Club in Bloomington. We can all be proud of the event and the joy it brought to the hundreds of MARC members who traveled to French Lick for the experience. All the work done by Rex, Tim and others to make a the event a success is appreciated.

Check out the Upcoming events and Touring Updates for more interesting tours and activities scheduled for this summer. Hope you will enjoy reading through this August issue.

Best Regards

John

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 8	Picnic Brown Co. State Park Walnut Shelter
August 14	Show our Model A's at Clifty Creek School
August 15	Tour to Aurora, IN
August 22	Tour to Milan, IN

A Message from the
PRESIDENT

A Word From Tim Diehn



Hello Everyone!

We did it! The 2026 MARC National Meet at French Lick is officially in the history books! What a wonderful five days of cars, fashion, seminars, driving tours, bus tours, great food, lasting friendships—and this year, even some singing!

French Lick continues to be a fantastic venue, keeping almost everything under one air-conditioned roof. While there was plenty of walking, that's always part of the fun at a meet like this. Rex Hinkle and I received so many compliments, including many requests to host it here again! It might be a few years before we head back to French Lick, but it's definitely high on the list.

While the cars and fashion are always a highlight, it's the people who truly make these events special. I'm constantly reminded of what a fantastic community this hobby attracts. With true Hoosier Hospitality on full display, we showed our Model A family just how special Orange County is. I have no doubt our out-of-state friends will be eager to return to the Crossroads of America!

Most of all, I want to thank YOU. Our club showed up in full force, with nearly 50 volunteers stepping up to help. Thank you for parking trailers, taking tickets, stocking hospitality snacks, handling registration, selling sweepstakes tickets, helping repair cars, and simply being warm, welcoming hosts. The people are what turn a good event into a great one, and you all truly delivered.

A big, heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone!

Tim

Going Places is the official publication of the Columbus Model "A" Restorers Club Region and the Columbus Model "A" Ford Club of America Chapter. The general purpose shall be to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicle, model years 1928 through 1931 and all things pertaining to the Model "A" Ford, including literature, technical and historical information and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship for the enjoyment of its members.

This publication is mailed or emailed to members and editors of similar publications monthly. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter.

"Katy" Matthews

1944-2026



I N M E M O R I A M

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our member Katy Matthews and offer our sincere sympathy to her companion Ron Lawson. Katy faithfully attended our monthly meetings and regularly participated in club tours and events. Katy showed much determination to attend club activities even though at times her health placed her in discomfort and pain. It was unfortunate that Katy's passing happened while many of our members were away at the MARC National Meet in French Lick and were unable to pay our respects in person. We will miss Katy's presence in our Club. Below is Katy's obituary.

Mary Catherine "Katy" Matthews, 82, of Columbus, formerly of North Vernon passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at the home of her daughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Father Chris Craig officiated. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. A Rosary Service was conducted at 3:30 PM on Thursday at Sawyer – Pickett Funeral & Cremation Service and visitation followed from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Born on May 23, 1944, Katy was the daughter of Fred and Mary Speer Biehle. She married Roy Matthews on June 9, 1962. He preceded her in death on November 30, 2018.

Katie was a graduate of Vernon High School. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Model A Restorers Club of Columbus, Model A Ford Club of America, and Ramey's Wagon Trail & Trail Riders. She was active in the Democratic Party and worked the polls for elections. She had sold Tupperware and Avon Products for several years. In recent years she found joy in making rosaries, crafts and horseback riding.

Katy is survived by her companion, Ronnie Lawson of Columbus; daughters, Teresa (Tim) Miracle of Columbus, Tina (Tim) Pearson of North Vernon, Karla Vance of Dupont, Gracie (Ralph) Guenthensberger, and Kelly (Jose) Gonzalez of North Vernon; brothers, Bill Biehle of Billings, Montana and Andy Biehle of North Vernon; sisters, Freda Henry of Seymour and Leona Fenbers of Florida; fourteen grandchildren, and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mary Biehle; husband, Roy Matthews; daughter, Lisa Goad; sisters, Edna Egan, Amy Ellington, and Rebecca Biehle; sons in law, Doug Morrow, Richard Goad, Mike Taskey, and Charles Danny Vance Jr.; granddaughter, LaDawn Vance.



Activity Schedule for 2026

Check the schedule each month in case there are changes.

- Aug. 8 Rescheduled: Annual Picnic Brown Co. State Park, Walnut Shelter.**
- Aug, 14 Model A Showing at Clifty Creek Elementary School 10:15-11:00 am**
- Aug 15 Tour to Aurora, Indiana (Sullivan)**
- Aug 22 Tour to Milan, IN site of the 1954 Basketball Championship.
(Morlock)**
- Aug 28-30 Tour to Boone Tavern Inn, Berea KY. (Meyer)**
- Sept.10 *Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting***
- Sept. 18-19 Model A Days, Hickory Corners, Michigan**
- Sept.26 Trip to Ford's Garage Restaurant in Noblesville for Lunch .**
- Oct. 8 *Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting***
- Oct. 17 Day trip to Elwood IN. Duck Creek Center performance of *Frankenstein* (Meyer)**
- Oct. 31 Fall Colors Tour (Sullivan).**
- Nov. 12 *Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting***
- Dec. 6 *Christmas Party at the Seasons Event Center, Nashville, IN.***

Please Note: Our Annual Columbus Model A Club Picnic at the Brown County State Park originally scheduled for Saturday August 1st has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 8th. The location has changed to the Walnut Shelter. There will be a short club meeting and Lunch will be at 12:30 Please bring a side dish or desert to share.



SAT. August 15 - Tour to Aurora, Indiana to visit Hillforest Mansion (Sullivans)

We will meet at Eastbrook at 8:45 Saturday morning and leave at 9:00 heading for the charming Ohio River town of *Aurora*. The main attraction of the day will be the Hillforest Victorian House Museum. Built in 1855, it was the home of Thomas Gaff and his family. Admission is \$12.00, and our tour starts at 1:00. We will also check out a couple of iron bridges, a round barn, and Riverview Cemetery. Our lunch stop is at the Aurora Diner, which serves breakfast all day.

SAT. August 22 - Tour to Milan, Indiana to Visit Milan 54 Museum - (Morlock)

Let's celebrate the history of high school basketball in Indiana. The "Milan 54 Museum" covers the miracle of little Milan High School's Indiana State Basketball Championship win over big school Muncie Central in 1954. This win is remembered as the proof that the little guy can win and was the basis for the hit movie "Hoosiers."

Back then, there were 751 high schools who participated in the tourney, less than half of which still exist today. Milan was one of the small schools with only 161 students and Muncie Central had over 1000, but Milan prevailed and the museum has a wide collection of memorabilia from that win, as well as from the movie "Hoosiers." A donation of \$5 is requested.



Larry Morlock next to the hospital bed Dennis Hooper (as Shooter) did his rehab for the movie Hoosiers.

August. 28 -30 Tour to Boone Tavern Hotel of Berea College, Berea, KY (Meyer)

Dennis Meyer will lead a tour to Berea, Kentucky beginning on Friday Aug. 28-Aug.30. See the July *Going Places* for details (*Available on the club website*). Note that July 30th was the deadline for the reduced group rates. The tour group will meet up at 9:30 am Friday, August 28th at the Circle K Gas Station south of Columbus, US Hwy 31 & Hwy 7. Lunch will be at the B&N Market, Bagdad, Kentucky. For additional information you may call or text Dennis Meyer at 317-727-5098.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

Tom Hovetter, President

John Prohaska, Director of Regions

August 2026

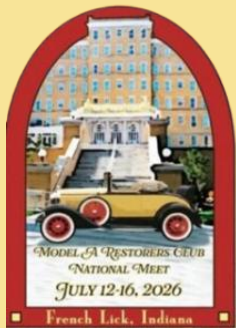
Memories were made in French Lick, IN at the National Meet, July 12-16. Over 512 people and 200 plus Model A's gathered for food and fun at the beautifully restored, 120-year-old resort. Technical Seminars and touring through the Southern Indiana countryside kept everyone busy. See more details on the festivities in the coming issues of Model A News (MAN).

A seminar was provided at the Meet for Membership by Will Langford and Gary Price on the new MARC website. The website is phenomenal on the historical availability of technical and informational articles on the Model A. This content is available only to current MARC Members and is not offered in one place by any other national organization.

Remember to renew your MARC membership annually. MARC changed the membership expiration date in the past to actual expiration month instead of end of the year. You can renew online, by mail or by calling the office to continue receiving the MAN and the access to the website. \$30/year for electronic access to MAN and full member benefits or \$50/year for hardcopy & electronic MAN and full member benefits.

Could your Regional Leadership please go to the website www.modelarestorersclub.org and log in with their email address and zip code. Click on "Members Only" at top right of screen after login, click on "Annual Region Update" and enter your Regions information to ensure it is up to date. This information is essential for MARC to maintain contact and keep your local Region up to date with the latest information.





Model A Magic Rolls Into French Lick for a National Meet to Remember

by John Emmering

After years of dreaming, planning, and preparation, the Columbus Region's goal of sponsoring a Model A Restorers Club National Meet became a reality this July. French Lick, Indiana, with its historic charm and welcoming resort setting, proved to be the natural stage for a week devoted to fellowship, fine automobiles, and the enduring appeal of the Model A Ford.

The road to French Lick began in earnest when our region successfully hosted the 2025 Membership Meet in Nashville, Indiana. That event gave members confidence that we could once again take on a national gathering. With that success behind us, all stops were pulled out, and MARC accepted our bid to host the 2026 National Meet at the French Lick Resort complex.

As planning moved forward, it became clear that a joint effort with the Hoosier Hills Model A Club of Bloomington would make the meet even stronger. With his experience from past meets and his relationship with the Cook Group, Inc., owners of the resort, Rex Hinkle was selected as Meet Chairman. Rex and Columbus Region President Tim Diehn along with many others worked tirelessly to bring the event together.

On Saturday morning, July 11, a group of Columbus members gathered in their Model A Fords at the JayC's parking lot on Jonathan Moore Pike, ready for the 90-mile trek to French Lick. Spirits were high as the caravan rolled along the back roads of southern Indiana, but the adventure soon included an unfortunate Model A moment.

Tour leader John Prohaska's Model A Fordor developed trouble when the gear shift lever somehow came off. John stayed behind to wait for a tow truck while the rest of the group continued on to French Lick, where anticipation for the week ahead quickly returned. John made it down to French Lick later that day in his 1930 Model A Roadster.

Once participants arrived, they checked into their rooms and many were able to register early. Charlotte Prohaska led the registration effort, distributing meet bags, ID lanyards, and preordered meet merchandise to welcome attendees and set the tone for a well-organized event.

Monday morning marked the official start of the National Meet. Registration continued, the Sweepstakes table drew visitors hoping to win interesting and valuable premium prizes, and the Swap Meet opened with plenty of useful, unusual, and hard-to-find parts. Fashion activities also drew attention, including the Fashion Seminar and Fashion Swap Meet. Model A seminars covered Judging Standards, Model A horns, and the Burtz engine.

At day's end, MARC members boarded buses and climbed the hill to the Pete Dye Golf Course Pavilion, where sweeping views of the area provided a memorable backdrop. A cocktail hour and delicious meal were followed by Rex Hinkle's entertaining rendition of the 1928 song "Henry Made a Lady out of Lizzy."

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Tuesday brought more activity, including the Hubley Derby Race and a well-received seminar by our own Ron Lawson on Model A Ford manifold, hot water, and muffler heaters. Ron shared his knowledge and displayed several heater units. Mandatory meetings were also held for the different classes of cars to be judged, and the evening concluded with a seminar introducing the new MARC website.

For several Columbus Model A Club members, Wednesday was "Judgment Day." Three club cars were entered for judging: John Emmering's 1929 Tudor in the Touring Class, Tonya McLeod's 1929 Tudor in the Driver's Class, and Jim Dininger's 1930 Tudor also in the Driver's Class.

The Touring and Driver's Class Model A's had their equipment checked as they entered the indoor Exhibition Hall, then were guided into parking spaces. Judging teams were assigned, and the careful process of evaluating each car according to club standards began.

For those not involved in judging, the day offered plenty of alternatives: Fashion Judging, a bus tour to New Harmony, and a trolley tour of French Lick and West Baden. Seminars included a chef cooking demonstration and a quilt talk by member Frieda Howell. That evening, MARC members gathered beneath the breathtaking atrium of the West Baden Springs Hotel, where they viewed fine point cars, enjoyed a Fashion Show, and capped the night with an Ice Cream Social complete with plenty of ice cream and toppings.

The highly anticipated Grand Tour saw Model A Fords beginning to line up at 7:30 Thursday morning outside the French Lick Springs Hotel. Touring Class cars were placed at the front of the line. Eventually something like 200 Model A Fords formed a line and by 8:30 am were on their way to Gasthof Amish Village near Montgomery, Indiana. The tour covered about 40 miles through the picturesque southern Indiana countryside. After a lit-

tle more than an hour on the road the caravan of Model A Fords filled the parking lot adjoining the Gasthof Amish Village.

Soon participants headed into the Gasthof Restaurant to partake of the wide selection of food and deserts offered at the lunch buffet. After lunch tour goers were able to explore the antique shop and other businesses in the village. The warm temperatures encouraged some to head back to French Lick a little early.

After resting in their rooms after the tour most attendees headed to the Clifton 1 room, where the sweepstakes winners were posted. The cocktail hour began at 6:00 and many attendees gathered there to socialize before the Awards Dinner began. The awards dinner featured a great meal and a good time to enjoy the company of other members. After dinner there were presentations of the awards for the judged vehicles. From our Columbus group John Emmering was awarded a second place in the Touring category for his 1929 Model A Tudor. Tonya McLeod's 1929 Tudor earned a First Place Award and Jim Dininger's 1930 Model A Tudor was also awarded a First Place in the Driver category. Jack and Linda Sullivan were honored for there achievement of 200,000 miles traveled while participating in the MARC Milage Program.

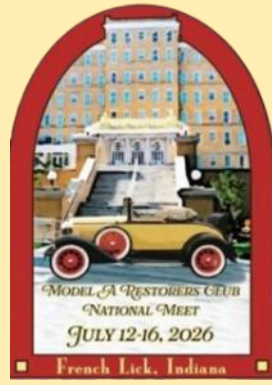
Addresses were made by Rex Hinkle, MARC President Tom Hovetter and our own President Tim Diehn. The group also got to hear from hotel owner Carl Cook who had been a gracious host and was very supportive of the event.

From back-road caravans and technical seminars to historic hotels, fellowship, and beautifully restored cars, the National Meet delivered everything members had hoped for. Most of all, it showed what dedicated volunteers, strong partnerships, and a shared love of the Model A Ford can accomplish.





Model A's gather for the journey



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Repair Tent personnel in action



Rex Hinkle's Cabriolet



Terry Burtz & his engine



Penny Johnson's Deluxe Phaeton



Don Miller's Model A Speedster



Amish Gasthof parking



The Sullivan's 1929 Roadster



Touring judging team left side engine



Tim Diehn



Fine Point Cars in the Atrium

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO:



Share about the history of the cars



Highlight their legacy and lasting impact



Show how they led the way for today's cars

FEATURING YOUR MODEL A'S



Let's celebrate the past, inspire the future,
★ **AND KEEP THE LEGACY ROLLING!** ★

We can't wait to see you there!

FORD MODEL "A" TECHNICAL TIPS

Is your Model "A" Ready for a Tour?

*From an article by Christ Wickersham,
Sanat Ana Model A Club*



Are You Ready to Go on Tour? Summer touring season is here, and that means it is time to give your Model A Ford a careful look before heading down the road. Even if it ran perfectly the last time you drove it, a long tour asks more of the car than a short trip around town.

Henry Ford built the Model A to be dependable, and with proper care these cars can still be remarkably reliable today. Of course, the earliest Model A's are now nearly 100 years old, so the responsibility for keeping them road-ready usually belongs to the owner rather than the neighborhood garage.

A good place to start is the Model A Ford Instruction Book that came with the car when it was new. It remains a useful guide and offers practical reminders for routine maintenance before and during a tour.

Most owners remember the basics before leaving home: change the oil, lubricate the chassis, and check the fluid levels in the transmission, differential, and steering box. Those steps are important, but good touring habits should continue after the trip begins.

Each morning on tour, take a few minutes to walk around the car. Check the radiator water, brake lights, and front tires. Run your hand across the tread to feel for feathering or uneven wear, which may point to incorrect toe-in or toe-out. Excessive toe-in can wear out front tires quickly, but it is often easy to correct—

and there is usually someone on tour willing to lend a hand.

Next, raise the hood and inspect the engine compartment. Check the oil level, fan belt tension, and any signs of fuel, oil, or water leaks. Look for missing bolts or loose parts, and take a quick look under the car for drips. A problem found in the motel parking lot is much easier to handle than one discovered along the roadside.

On longer tours, remember to lubricate the generator, distributor, and water pump every 500 miles. If you use an original wet-cell battery, check the water level, especially if your car still has an original-style generator without a voltage regulator. Tire pressures deserve attention too, since original tube-type tires can lose air more readily than modern tubeless tires.

Do not forget the lug nuts. Check them before the tour and again every day or two. If any wheels were removed shortly before the trip, check the lug nuts at the first rest stop to be sure they are still tight.

Whether you are headed out on a club tour or simply enjoying a drive around town, make a habit of looking over your Model A with maintenance in mind. A few quiet minutes of inspection can help prevent a major, inconvenient, and costly repair later—and keep the fun in touring.



YOUTH Department



Deglan Cunningham

Youth Columnist

As some of you may know, I am still young enough to apply for the Model A Youth Restoration Award, and I am incredibly grateful to share that I was selected to receive a \$2,500 award to support my restoration project. I first learned about this opportunity through our Columbus Club during one of my earliest meetings, and I am thankful to the members who encouraged young people like me to get involved, ask questions, and keep the Model A Ford hobby moving forward.

The application process was straightforward, but it gave me a chance to reflect on why this project matters to me. I submitted a few photos, answered questions about where my interest in Model A Fords began, and explained why I chose to work on this particular car. Not long after applying, I received a phone call from a MAYRA representative in California asking how the award funds could best help move my project ahead. That call meant a great deal to me because it showed that the people behind the award truly wanted to support my restoration in a practical and meaningful way.

I want to sincerely thank the Model A Youth Restoration Award board for their generosity and confidence in my project. Receiving this \$2,500 award is a huge help, and I do not take it for granted. Awards like this make a real difference for young restorers like myself by helping cover the cost of parts that might otherwise take much longer to save for. More importantly, it reminds me that there is a community of people who believe in preserving these cars and passing the knowledge on to the next generation.



While the award is often given through gift certificates to suppliers such as Bratton's, or in smaller amounts to companies such as the Carb Shed and other specialty vendors, the board considered the current stage of my project and made the generous decision to help pay for the convertible top from the company that manufactured the body. Since most of the mechanical work is already complete, this support will help me make an important step toward finishing the car properly.

This past week, I placed my order for the top irons to be made. The next item on my list is finding a set of 13.5-inch-tall stanchions to attach the windshield to the car so I can be ready for the top installation. If anyone has any leads on a set, I would be very grateful if you would reach out to me at 630-746-0009.

Deglan



Fashions of 1920s & 1930s

Men's hairstyles between 1928 and 1931 shifted from the heavy, plastered-down look of the 1920s Jazz Age toward the sharper, cleaner side-parted styles characteristic of early 1930s Hollywood.

- **The Defined Side Part:** Hair was routinely parted sharply on the left or right side, creating a precise, distinguished line.
- **Tapered Sides and Back:** Sides and the back of the head were cut very short or tapered tightly near the ears and neck, while the top kept enough length to sweep or slick over.
- **The Wet, Sleek Finish:** Men used petroleum-based pomades, beeswax, or Brilliantine to hold hair firmly in place with a high-shine, glossy finish.
- **The Classic Slick-Back:** Swept straight back from the forehead with a high-gloss grooming product for formal or business settings.
- **The Soft Wave:** Slightly longer hair on top styled with a gentle wave over the forehead, popularized by early cinematic leading men.
- **The Collegiate / Clean Trim:** Shorter, practical cuts with minimal length on top for young men and athletes, avoiding heavy grease.
- **Facial Hair Trends**
Mustaches began making a subtle return by the end of this window (around 1930–1931), usually styled as very thin, narrow, and neatly trimmed pencil or chevron shapes just above the upper lip.



CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet: Outstanding restoration with a Mitchell Overdrive. You must see to appreciate the high level of this Cabriolet. It has the top boot in the trunk to match. I have never had the top down. Please look over the pictures and don't hesitate to contact me if you have further question at 574-952-4550 or myclassic29@gmail.com. *Asking \$25,000 Located in Plymouth, Indiana. Jerry Hollenbaugh, 574-952-4550, myclassic29@gmail.com*

This Month in Ford Model "A" History

Introduced August 31, 1930, the Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster was Ford Motor Company's stylish answer to a difficult market. As the Great Depression weakened demand and standard open-car sales slipped, Ford added a more upscale roadster to renew buyer interest and give the Model A lineup a sportier, more refined appeal.



What set the Deluxe Roadster apart was its combination of practical upgrades and sporty presentation. It featured a lowered, shorter windshield that could fold flat against the cowl, along with a lightweight tan folding top and matching side curtains that gave the car a cleaner, more fashionable profile. Inside, Ford replaced the standard black artificial upholstery with genuine Bedouin grain brown leather seating finished with narrow piping, creating a more premium feel for buyers who wanted something beyond the basic roadster.

The exterior also emphasized the car's deluxe character. A standard side-mounted spare tire, welled front fender and a rear trunk rack added both visual distinction and touring practicality. These touches helped separate the Deluxe Roadster from the standard open models and made it feel better equipped for customers looking for style as well as usefulness.

The strategy worked. At a time when standard monthly roadster sales had fallen below 600 units, the Deluxe Roadster helped revive interest in the body style. By the end of the 1930 model year, Ford had sold more than 11,000 units, and by 1931 the Deluxe version had become the dominant choice over the standard roadster.

"95th Anniversary of the 1931 Ford "



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AUGUST PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Susan Easton and Sid Pendygraft working the Sweepstakes table. This was a popular destination at the 2026 MARC National Meet as there were many valuable prizes offered. Susan Easton ran the sweepstakes and devoted the whole week to the task.