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From the Editor...



John Emmering

Fellow Members:

Happy New Year! Hope 2025 proves to be another great year in the life of our Columbus Model "A" Club as we embark on our 61st year.

I have tried to lighten the load of our President Tim Diehn by assuming the duties of editor of our newsletter *Going Places*. So I am giving it my best with this combined January/February issue.

My first goal as editor is to get our members more involved. It would be great to have help with technical articles, articles on women's 20's & 30's fashion, youth reports and more. Hope some of you will come along side me and support our newsletter with some interesting material.

John

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13—Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting.

April 11-13—M.A.R.C. Membership Meet. Nashville, IN

April 27— Columbus Model A Club SWAP MEET. Bartholomew County Fairgrounds.

On our cover: Dennis & Kathy Meyer did not let a little rain prevent them from bring their 1930 Model A Fordor Sedan out to our Summer Picnic back in 2023.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Word From Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

Thank you all for attending last year's Christmas party at the Seasons Lodge. I heard from several people that they enjoyed the simple mingling and talking with fellow club members. Chef Kevin prepared another great meal for us to enjoy. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for making this year's party even better.

The anticipation of the year's possibilities gets me excited. In addition to the usual trips, events, and comradery we will enjoy together, we have a special responsibility to give back to our hobby nationally this year. April will be here before we know it, and we will be welcoming about 200 of our fellow hobbyists to the 2025 MARC Membership Meeting in Nashville. I'm excited to show off beautiful Brown County and the small-town Hoosier hospitality that it offers. The planning committee is busy at work making sure it is a success. While I know I sound like a broken record, please do think about how you may be able to help. If you are not sure, reach out to me, and I'm sure we can find a spot perfect for you.

We will be planning our 2025 touring schedule next month. Please let us know your preferences, such as shorter trips, more local events, or more overnight trips. This is our club, and we want to make sure we are meeting your expectations. These frosty, snowy, short days will soon give way to warm, sunny, longer days that will beckon us to dust off our cars and hit the roads again. Until then, stay warm and dream about those better days around the corner!

See you Going Places!

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.



Meeting Minutes



By Rob Kirkpatrick

Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal Mexican Restaurant, January 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Diehn

41 Members were present:

- Mike and Cindy Baker, Steve Butler, Ed and Mary Dathe, Tim Diehn, Christian and Susan Easton, John Emmering, Linda Gibson, Tim and Frieda Howell, Maurice Ketchum, Rob and Debbie Kirkpatrick, Ronnie and Katy Lawson, Mike and Bev Marsh, Dennis and Kathy Meyer, Ryan Meyer, Larry Morlock, Mike and Arlene Neyer, Albert and Roberta Ogden, Sid and Denise Pendencygraft, Chet and Sandy Pietras, John and Charlotte Prohaska, Larry and Carol Pumphrey, Phil Sutton, Dan Watson, Randy and Angia Watts, Don Wessler, Jay Williamson. — One lonely Model A waited outside.
- Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

New Members

Tim introduced Dan Watson, a new member from Scottsburg. Dan has a '30 Roadster

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns

- Marge Sutton had a neck x-ray and is hoping to feel well enough to go to Florida soon
- Jack Sullivan is doing better and is also planning a trip to the sunshine state
- Jim Gillen has started dialysis
- Katy Lawson was in the hospital for 5 days – glad to see you here tonight, Katy!
- Don Wessler has hopefully non-invasive surgery on 1/27 for mitral valve treatment at Franciscan Greenwood
- Friends, you are all in our prayers & thoughts

John Prohaska reported on progress in preparation for the 2025 Membership Meeting. 66 room reservations have been made so far, along with 14 meeting registrations. His committee chairs reported:

- Jay Williamson on merchandise. Items are up on the site, with 11 orders so far. Pins are in the works. We still need a bag sponsor.
- Susan Easton on the Bucket Drawing. She has doubled the size of her committee. Some donations are starting to come in. National suppliers have been contacted for donations are already responding.
- Swap Meet, April 27 signups are going fine. He expects to sign a majority of the vendors up at the swap meet this Saturday in Shepardsville/Louisville. A group is leaving at 6:30 from JayC.
- A BIG applause for Suzanne Diehn for a great Christmas party!
- Tim and Ronnie pointed out the original club plaque that hung on that exact same nail for years earlier. Albert Ogden won \$51 in the raffle

Speaker

- Dennis Meyer presented history through the eyes of 1930s movie cameras, including a Laurel & Hardy fun one. Thanks for sharing these, Dennis.

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Treasurer's Report: Presented by Phil Sutton

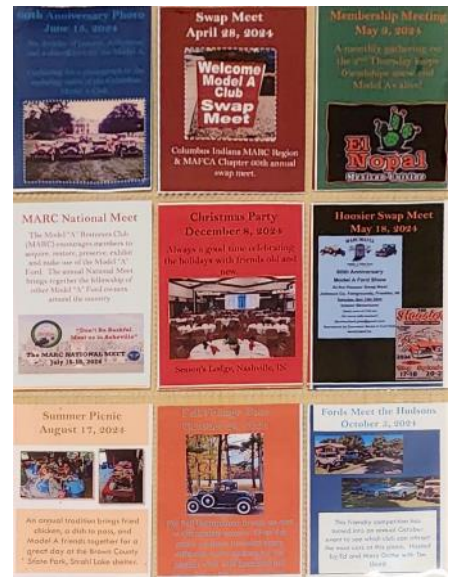
Starting Balance	\$4,456.91
Income	
	Dues 435.00
	Donation 10.00
	Christmas Party 2,100.00
	50/50 97.00
	<u>+ \$ 2,642.00</u>
Expenses	
	Loan to Membership Meet 50.00
	Christmas Party - Seasons 3,052.18
	Donation MAFFI for James Hollis 50.00
	<u>- \$ 3,152.18</u>
Ending Balance	\$3,946.73

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Respectfully submitted, Rob Kirkpatrick



Our 60th Anniversary celebration culminated in a wonderful holiday party organized by Suzanne Diehn at The Seasons in Nashville (Indiana!). Throughout the year President Tim Diehn distributed trading cards and a sleeve to attendees at nine of our club events, with the final one targeted for the December party.

Tim promised we wouldn't guess how special the center one would be until the party. 60 years and going strong! Now we are proud to be hosting April's National Membership Meeting and hope to see you in Nashville, Indiana.



Annual Columbus Model A Club



Christmas PARTY



Christmas Party brings Cheer to Members of our Columbus Model A Club

by John Emmering

A memorable and enjoyable event, the Columbus Model A Club Christmas Party took place on Sunday, December 8th at the Seasons Lodge. The party was an unforgettable and delightful affair, bringing together members to celebrate the holiday season in a festive gathering. A total of 71 people were in attendance, contributing to a vibrant atmosphere. This marked the third time that the event had been hosted at the Seasons Lodge, a venue greatly appreciated by the attendees

The menu for the evening featured a delectable selection of entrées, including baked cod, fried chicken, and prime rib, followed by a choice of desert catering to a variety of tastes and preferences. Special Acknowledgment must be given to Suzanne Diehn who deserves recognition for her exceptional efforts in organizing the event. She did it all, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Christian Easton graciously gave the blessing, setting a warm and heartfelt tone for the evening.

After dinner President Tim Diehn addressed the group looking back over 2024, the club's 60th anniversary year. Tim went over the 18 events held by the club in 2024, which included 3,500 miles of touring. He then looked forward to the opportunities and milestones awaiting us in 2025 which included our sponsorship of the 2025 M.A.R.C. Membership Meet planned for April 11-13 in Nashville, Indiana and also mentioned the National Meet we are planning for 2026. Tim then presented the "Hard Luck" Award to Jerry and Deana Glunt who were involved in a very unfortunate traffic accident with their Model A on the Fall Tour.

In conclusion, the annual Christmas Party at the Seasons Lodge was a resounding success. It brought together members of the Columbus Model A Club in a celebration of friendship, tradition, and the joy of the holiday season. The event was a perfect blend of nostalgia, festivity, and heartfelt appreciation, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. The club's dedication to preserving the legacy of the Model A and fostering a sense of community is truly commendable, and the Christmas Party was a shining example of that commitment.



The SEASONS

Lodge
HOTEL & EVENT CENTER



**Review of some of
last years'
happenings in
2024**



In September Tim Diehn and Larry Morlock cleaned up the Arvin Model A sculpture



Dennis & Kathy Meyer, with passengers enjoyed the MARC National Meet in Ashville, NC.



Tim Diehn and John Prohaska got a chance to ride in the restored Model A Bus during Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum



Representing the Columbus Model "A" Club at the Hoosier Swap Meet in Franklin back in May were Jay Williamson, Dennis Meyer, Jerry Curbox and Larry Morlock.

*Model A
Snapshots
from long
past ...*

DRIVE DOWN
Memory Lane



FORD MODEL A



Chasing the Elusive Idle

By Robert (Bob) Wyrick, from *The Rumble Seat Reviewer*, Smokey Mountain Model A Club , Sept .2016

A fellow Model A'er brought a Zenith carburetor for me to repair claiming it wouldn't idle. The carburetor appeared to be in reasonably good shape with evidence of a new rebuild kit in the not-too-distant past.

He left it for an overhaul; and the following days I did the usual bead blasting, clearing all the channels, checking for cracks in the jets, unusual orifice sizes, painting etc. All appeared well until I ran a test on my car and, to my chagrin, it just refused to maintain a satisfactory idle. After flow testing and resizing the idle jet there was only slight improvement. I then disassembled the bottom section, removing the jets, idle well, GAV needle and retracing each step in the assembly—all appeared totally normal.

After another cup of coffee and some serious inspection, I realized that the idle circuit must be experiencing some obstruction. Looking into the opening where the compensator jet screws into the bowl of the carburetor, it seemed that the idle secondary well was blocking fuel flow from the compensator jet.

It was at this point, and with more coffee and musing, that I recalled a similar problem some 15 or 20 years ago with similar carburetor. I also recalled reading that a few aftermarket secondary idle wells were machined incorrectly, thus blocking the necessary fuel flow in the idle circuit.

Tom Endy, in his writings on the Zenith carburetor, has a more complete explanation noting that the fuel path from the GAV valve to the secondary well depends on the individual casting design. Some castings route the fuel from the GAV directly into the idle well, while others route the fuel directly to the cap jet. Since this path to the secondary well can enter at different vertical heights; it is possible for the entrance to be blocked by the brass secondary well if the relief is misaligned for the particular casting, thus restricting fuel to the idle circuit.

It appears that the Zenith people were aware of the problem and produced a number of secondary wells with the relief machined at different locations to correct the problem.

I probed this particular casting with a flexible wire and found that the fuel channel went directly from the GAV to the cap jet thus bypassing the idle well. With this type of casting, in combination with the type of machined secondary well, fuel to the idle circuit is restricted.

I marked the secondary well by scribing through the compensator jet hole (see arrow in Fig. at right) and, when the well was removed and compared to the machined groove of a correctly machined well, the problem was self-evident. The compensator jet hole did not align with the relief in the secondary well thus blocking the required fuel flow in the circuit. Replacement with a correct secondary well resulted in a silky-smooth idle.





Model "A" Restorers Club

MILEAGE PROGRAM



The national Model A Restorers Club has a Mileage Program (MMP) to recognize the miles driven by Model A Ford cars owned by the members. The Columbus Region of MARC has a long tradition of driving the Model A for pleasure and this is the primary activity of the club.

To participate, the car must be registered in the program by the owner and a fee of \$1 paid. Odometer readings are reported to the national MARC Mileage Program chairman at the end of each calendar year. A radiator plaque is awarded at the completion of 2000 miles, and a replacement mileage tab is awarded at 5000 miles and at each 5000 miles thereafter. The mileage program stays with the vehicle if it is sold and the new owner continues eligibility with that car.



Larry Morlock is in charge of the Mileage Program for our Columbus Region. If you would like to begin involvement with the Mileage Program please contact him for information. Participants will need to take a current photo of their Model A odometer and text it to Larry at **812-371-668** or email to ***l.morelock@att.net*** for *mileage verification*. That will get you started for 2025. Please get your odometer photo to Larry before the deadline of February 15th.

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 AD

Would you like to post a classified ad offering a Model A Ford, parts or equipment for sale? Also you may post an ad for items you are looking for.

Email your ads to your editor at **Shoebxford.john@gmail.com** with a photo if possible. Please submit advertisements by the 25th of the month.



For Sale: 1930 Deluxe Roadster: Older restoration, original rebuilt engine, working clock in mirror, dual side mounts. Many accessories. Excellent running condition. *Asking \$26,500. Jack Pletcher. Email Olplech@yahoo.com Call 740- 274-1663*
Located in Zanesville, Ohio.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Preparing our cars for the 2024 Touring season Dennis and Kathy Meyer hosted a Safety Inspection last year on Saturday April 13th . These cars completed the process . In some cases helpful suggestions were given to improve performance and safety.