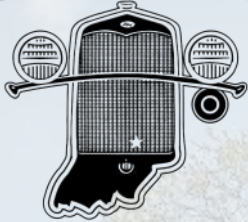


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MODEL A FORD CLUB
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

GOING Places



Spring Touring Begins in Indiana

Lots of interesting tours planned

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**From
the
Editor...**



John Emmering

Dear Readers:

Going Places is a little late this month as Robin and I were vacationing for two weeks in the southeast part of the country visiting Disney World with our grand-kids and then taking in the sites in Savanna, Georgia. It is there we encountered the above 1930 Model A Coupe at the Prohibition Museum.

Unfortunately I missed out on the Cobweb Tour which I hear hampered by rain and the Swap Meet that I understand was very successful.

Please pay special attention to the information provided on upcoming tours and inform tour leaders if you plan to participate. Hope you enjoy the May our issue.

Best Regards

John

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 **Membership Meeting—5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting**
May 23 **Garage Tour**
June 6 **Tour to Oldenburg**

A Message from the
PRESIDENT
A Word From Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

Our annual **April Swap Meet** was once again a resounding success! This achievement is a direct result of the tireless efforts of **John and Charlotte Prohaska**. John's hard work ensured that our indoor vendor spaces were completely sold out, and Charlotte certainly did not disappoint, providing a wonderful breakfast and lunch—along with legendary delicious pies.

A project of this scale also relies on the "boots on the ground," and our volunteers were a massive help. Whether you assisted with setup, manned the doors and club table, sold food, or stayed late to help with cleanup, your contribution was vital. **A huge THANK YOU** to everyone who stepped up to make this event such a triumph for our club!

National Meet Update: All Hands on Deck: Rex Hinkle and I have been busy finalizing preparations for the **2026 MARC National Meet** at French Lick, coming up **July 12–16**. All the major planning needs are now complete; we are currently focusing on the fine details to ensure this is a truly special event to remember.

To make this happen, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to:

- Take tickets at the seminars.
- Welcome guests in the hospitality room.
- Assist with sweepstakes ticket sales and guest registration.
- Provide technical support for car repairs.

We want to roll out the best **Hoosier Hospitality** for our out-of-town friends, and that requires all of us. Please take a moment to look at your schedule and pick up a couple of shifts. You can sign up today at our [Volunteer Sign-up Page](#). Thank you to those who have already committed! **Don't Forget to Register!**

While we are hosting and volunteering, please remember that we are also members of the MARC national club and need to register for the meet just like everyone else. While you are on the site signing up for volunteer spots, please take ten minutes to register for the event itself. You can pay online—no stamps, envelopes, or paper cuts required! Here is a direct link: <https://modelarestorersclub.org/frenchlick2026/>

Touring Season is Here: Garage Tour

Our touring season has officially started! Our first local outing will be a **Garage Tour**. We are currently looking for a volunteer to step up and lead this event.

There is nothing quite like visiting a fellow hobbyist's garage to see their latest projects and swap maintenance tips. If you are interested in organizing this route, please reach out. Once we have a leader, I know it will be a fantastic day of learning and fellowship.

See you all Going Places!

Tim Diehn

President, Columbus Indiana Model A Club



Activity Schedule for 2026

Check the schedule each month in case there are changes.

- May 14** **Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting**
- May 08-17 **MARC National Tour** - Finger Lakes. Pen Yan, New York .
- May 23 **Garage Tour** of some of our Columbus Member's Garages and projects.
- June 6 **Tour to Oldenburg, IN.** Lunch and tour of Sisters of St. Francis (Williamson)
- June 11 **No June Meeting**
- June 12-14 **Bardstown KY. Tour** (Meyer)
- June 28 **Red Barn Theater, Frankfurt, Indiana.** Play: "Wait Until Dark" (Pumphrey)
- July 9 **No July Meeting**
- July 12-17 **MARC National Meet, French Lick, Indiana**
- Aug. 1** **Annual Summer Picnic.** Brown Co. State Park. (Sutton, Diehn)
- Aug 15 **Tour to Aurora, Indiana (Sullivan)***
- Aug 22 **Tour over 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.**

** Denotes a change in the schedule this month.*



Clothing Fashions during the era of Prohibition

Men's Styles:

- **Three-Piece Suits:** The waistcoat (vest) often featured tailored interior pockets designed to hold thin, curved kidney-shaped hip flasks.
- **Overcoats:** Large, heavy overcoats were ideal for carrying multiple bottles, often referred to as "bootlegger" attire.
- **Knickers/Trousers:** Some breeches or knickers were designed with wider pockets.

It was said tailors would ask "What size pockets? Pints or quarts?" Will Rodgers.



YOUTH Department



Deglan Cunningham, age 20, our youngest Columbus Model A Club member is the proud owner of three 1930 Model A Fords; a Tudor, a Phaeton and a Pickup. The pickup is his project car. Deglan sent in this progress report on his Model A fleet:

It's been a while since our last update. A few things have changed but there has been forward progress on my restoration of my 1930 Pickup. The biggest updates are that I got the tires mounted on the rims. I officially have a roller. Now it's only a few steps from its first test drive. In other news, I have learned why Steve (my 1930 Tudor) wasn't running. I had tuned it for the winter, and the battery was just too dead. Phinny (my 1930 Phaeton) on the other hand is still a work in progress. I believe the points and condenser have gone bad. So, I'm working on repairing them this week. There is always something to learn and work on with these cars!



May 23 Garage Tour of a few of our members' Garage Work Spaces.

A garage tour with stops at some of our members' garage work spaces has been proposed. We still need someone to lead the event and line up our stops. Contact Tim Diehn to help.

June 6 Tour to Oldenburg, Indiana (Williamson)

Join us for a tour to Oldenburg. We leave at 9:00 am from the McDonalds in Franklin located at 2080 E King St . There is a gas station conveniently located there for fill ups. We will then travel east on SR 44 through Shelbyville and take a leisurely trip on some back roads and less traveled Indiana highways to Troyer's Amish Marketing in Milroy. They will have special parking there for our A's while we take roughly 30 minutes to browse and shop.



From there, we will travel to Oldenburg, where at 11:30 we will have lunch at Wagners Village Inn, which is a James Beard award winning restaurant for their fried chicken. We have an area reserved and can either order off the menu or family style whichever you prefer. Family style includes 4 pieces of fried chicken and unlimited mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Cole slaw and roll.

After lunch, at 1:00, we will take a tour of the Sisters of St Francis Church and Convent which will be approximately an hour-to-hour half. Sister Claire is working with the town to see if we can display our cars on the street there. After the tour, we will travel back home .

We need to get a head count for the restaurant and tour. They prefer to have between 20 and 30 people. Please contact Jay Williamson by May 23rd at 317-223-1379 by phone or text if you would like to join the tour.

June 12-14 Bardstown, Kentucky Update Dennis Meyer



It's hard to believe that one of the oldest towns in Kentucky, founded in 1780, and officially established in 1788, is just the beautiful countryside model A morning drive away from the Circle K Station at the intersection of Hwy. 31 and Hwy. 7 S of Columbus... that's where we start the Bardstown journey at 8:00 AM on Friday June 12

Now imagine having lunch that day at the oldest Stagecoach stop in America, the old Talbott Tavern built in 1779. Famous visitors include Andrew Jackson, Henry Harrison, General George Rogers Clark, King Louis Philippe, Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Boone, Stephen Foster, Alexander Jesse Walters, Jesse James and you can add that to that list the names of those attending this tour ... you? After lunch, we'll drive our A's to a mansion built in 1818. In 1852, a visitor to the mansion wrote a song about it, which later became the official state song of Kentucky "My old Kentucky Home" ...that visitor/songwriter was Stephen Foster, and like him, our group will be visitors too, as I have tickets reserved to tour my Old Kentucky Home then we head to our hotel, the Spark by Hilton, to check in.

Saturday, June 13th begins with breakfast available at the hotel, then we caravan to Old Town Bardstown to visit and get our tickets to Museum Row which includes a Civil War Museum, western theatre, Museum of Women in the Civil War, General Hal Moore Military Museum, and Old Bardstown Colonial Village . Your one ticket gets all this! We'll spend the rest of the morning here, with lunch at "Mammy's". Shops, antique stores, other historic places and distilleries are available at our discretion for the rest of the afternoon.

We return to the Spark Hotel around 4:00 PM. Supper will be at your choice of two restaurants across the street from our hotel. At 7:00 PM we caravan back to My Old Kentucky Home State Park amphitheater to see a Broadway style production and season opener of the Stephen Foster Story. Sunday June 14th we leave the hotel promptly at 8:00 AM to head back home again arriving back in the early afternoon .

- Make plans to join us for a fun and memorable weekend in Bardstown, Kentucky
- Reserve your Room at the Spark by Hilton, 985 Chambers Blvd. Bardstown, KY.
- Rooms are \$120 a night (one king or two queen beds) for two nights. June 12 & 13
- Call the hotel between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm 1-502-349-0100 for reservations. Ask for Jessica and tell her you are with the Model A group. **Call ASAP rooms go fast.**
- SPECIAL EVENT: The season opener of "The Steven Foster Story" on Sat. June 13. The tickets require an advanced headcount.
- Plan to Attend? Text or call Dennis Meyer at 317-727-5098 and leave a message so tickets can be earmarked for you.



Meeting Minutes



Rob Kirkpatrick

Membership Meeting Minutes
El Nopal Mexican Restaurant, April 9 2026
Meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by President Tim Diehn

47 members were present: Michael Brown, Steve Butler, Deglan Cunningham, Ed and Mary Dathe, Roger Dean, Tim Diehn, Jim and Cathy Dinger, John Emmering, Jerry and Deanna Glunt, Tim and Frieda Howell, Blake, Michelle and Jack Hudman, Scott King, Ronnie and Katy Lawson, Mike and Bev Marsh, Tonya and Tom McLoed, Don and Ellen McGlothlin, Dennis Meyer, Larry Morlock, Albert and Roberta Ogden, Sid and Denise Pendency, John Prohaska, Larry and Carol Pumphrey, Jack and Linda Sullivan, Phil and Marge Sutton, Patrick and Patty Taylor, Randy and Angia Watts, Don Wesseler, Neil Wesseler, Dan and Connie Young,

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Touring Notes

- The Cobweb Tour to Bloomington is April 18 – meet Larry at West Hill JayC at 7:45 PM
- The Oldenburg Tour on Saturday June 6th meets at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonalds in Franklin.
- Larry and Carol Pumphrey need to know ASAP if you plan to join the day trip on Saturday, June 28th to the Red Barn Summer Theare in Frankfort, IN (Approx 3 hours by Model A, no Interstate) to see the play “Wait Until Dark”, followed by a meal next door - \$45 per person includes the play *and* the meal – and rumor has it there may be an old ice cream parlor in the picture
- Dennis Meyer is leading the tour to Bardstown, KY now set for June 12-14. Leave at 8:30 a.m.at the Circle K station at Routes 7 & 31 south of Columbus.
- Tim Howell and Phil Sutton are planning an October Weekend Tour.
- Linda and Phil Sullivan will be leading the Fall Foliage Tour starting October 31st

MARC National Meet – John Prohaska

- Everything is going well!
- John shared numbers for registrations and individual events, and we appear to be on track.
- From Tim: A group went to French Lick last Saturday. Carl Cook spent most of the day with them. We need to thank him for all his support as there is no way we could afford this outstanding Meet without his support and generosity!
- Please plan to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours.
- The online storefront is operational for merchandise
- Everything is air conditioned

- Carl would like Model A display vehicles placed around the hotel.– special models. We have a tractor conversion, Eddy’s snowplow, and AA pickup, a speedster, and Eddy’s cutaway that he donated to the NATMS museum, and they are bringing it down from there, plus more than one AA attraction from Wayne Arnholt.
- We have a very cool plate design.

Additional details & reminders carried over from last month:

- For hotel reservations, call 888-936-9360 with the group code 0726MAR
- Do not call the 800 version of that number
- Prices are equal or less than the 2014 National Meet
- \$177.00 + taxes, \$201
- Tours are set and will be fun.
- Meals will be offered at \$29/person on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The Grand Tour will be to Montgomery, Indiana and featuring Amish Food.

Swap Meet – John Prohaska

- We have access to the building on Saturday for set up.
- All spots are sold.
- Lunch starts earlier, at 10:30 this year

New Business

- Jerry Glunt won the \$64 50/50 drawing pot.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance	\$14,297.32
Income	
Dues	100.00
50/50	108.00
Swap meet rental	14.00
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+ \$ 222.00	
Expenses	
Newsletter	24.89
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Ending Balance	\$14,494.43

MARC Mileage Program – Larry Morlock

Larry distributed new mileage stickers for mileage emblems starting with 2,000 miles to Randy & Angia Watts, up through Sid Pandygraft 5k '31 A, Jack & Linda Sullivan’s Pickup 5k, John Prohaska’s Roadster 15k, Tom Bruce’s 31 Fordor 15k, Jim Dininger’s 30 Tudor 25k, Dennis Meyer’s 30 Fordor 30k, Larry Morlock’s 29 Roadster, Phil & Marge’s 30 Fordor **130k**, and Jack and Linda’s 29 Roadster **205,000 miles!**

Program

Jack and Linda Sullivan shared stories and pictures of the 205,000 miles they have logged on their 1929 Model A Roaster, plus their early Model A experiences. They noted that Jack’s parents, Jack Sr. and Kathryn Sullivan, logged 225,000 miles over a lifetime on their Roadster.

2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of Jack & Linda’s membership in our club!

(P.S. Reminder to pay/renew your 2026 dues to the club and the Nationals.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Respectfully submitted, *Rob Kirkpatrick*

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.



THE running BOARD REPORT



From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

May 2026

MARC mileage members and Regions, please take notice that Betty Fisher has officially retired from chairing the mileage program after many years of dedicated service. The new MARC Mileage Program Chairman is Mike Wilcher. Going forward, PLEASE send all correspondence to Mike, 1837 Columbia Circle, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Email, marcmileagechairman@gmail.com. Mike stepped up to chair this important MARC program and is already doing a great job.

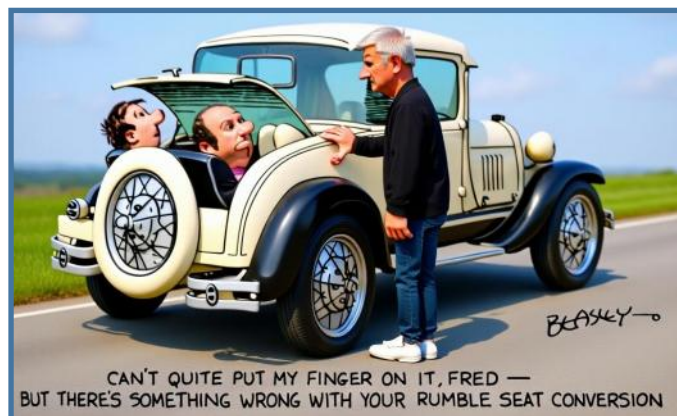
As of today, we have over 150 registered for the upcoming Finger Lakes Membership Meeting/Tour. As we expected this tour will be very popular. For updated information including information on winery tours that must be arranged with the winery (s) you want to visit in advance, check out either the Model A Restorers or the 2026 MARC National Tour Facebook groups. Also, check out the 2026 MARC National Meet Facebook group for information on the National Meet in French Lick. If you haven't already registered for that meet you can still register online via the MARC website at www.modelarestorersclub.org, or complete the registration form in the current edition of the *Model A News*. We are all looking forward to another great event hosted by the Columbus Indiana Region. If you have any questions, contact Rex Hinkle at 812-360-3336 or via email at rex.hinkle@cookgroup.com.

REMEMBER that 2028 is the 100th anniversary of the introduction (ok, late '27 for you purists) of the Model A Ford. Are there any Regions interested in hosting a special MARC event to celebrate this special occasion? If so, please contact Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com and we can discuss any type of event you are interested in hosting. We need to begin planning soon as we are sure that there will be lots of interest in holding these commemorative events.

COMMEMORATIVE bricks honoring MARC Regions celebrating 50 or more year anniversaries have been ordered and will be placed in the walkway at the MAFFI Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners, Michigan. Your MARC Board of Directors voted to honor our Regions who have achieved this very significant milestone. Look for details in the May-June edition of the *Model A News*!



SUNDAY, MAY 10



CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT, FRED —
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR RUMBLE SEAT CONVERSION



MONDAY, MAY 25

Columbus Model A Club 62nd Annual

2026

SWAPMEET



Once again our Columbus Model A Club offered area Model A enthusiasts a great opportunity to gather and search for needed parts and paraphernalia related to the Model A Ford Hobby. A good crowd gathered for event on Sunday, April 26th at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. Once again we are indebted to John Prohaska who coordinated the event and Charlotte Prohaska for overseeing the food service. Many thanks to each member who volunteered their services to the event. The Swap Meet has become an honored tradition for our club and an effective fund raiser besides being an enjoyable get-together.



FORD MODEL "A" TECHNICAL TIPS A Simple CB Solution: Cobra Hand Held 50 WXST



By John Emmering

A citizen's band radio is pretty much indispensable when touring with a group of Ford Model A's. The leader is able to inform the group of upcoming turns and hazards along the way. Individual drivers are also able to inform the group if they or someone else is having difficulties or need a "pit stop". Having participated in tours in the past without a CB in my car I have experienced difficulty keeping informed of the progress of the tour.

No doubt that the best solution to communicating by CB is to have a quality CB radio permanently installed in your Model A. This ensures you will always have reliable radio communication at your disposal.

However there are some good reasons why a portable unit, such as the Cobra 50WXST handheld CB might suffice for your radio Mobil communication needs. It could be that you want to spare the expense of a permanent installation. Also hobbyists with more than one Model A might want the flexibility to easily move the CB unit from car to car. Additionally there may be owners who might not want a permanent CB installed for judging purposes.

I myself have relied on the Cobra Handheld 50WXST on tours for a few years . I was unsure of its range and effectiveness at first but so far have been satisfied. It has kept me in the loop so to speak with tour leaders and fellow participants. With two Model A's and an additional antique car I have the flexibility of always staying in communication with my portable hand held CB.

It is best to purchase the accessory magnetic external antenna which can be temporarily mounted on a fender for best reception. Also I have found that the accessory lapel microphone is useful. You can attach the microphone to your shirt or jacket and communicate without needing to take the unit into your hand. The radio can utilize rechargeable batteries or can be powered

with a 12 volt source. The Cobra handheld CB is available on Amazon , at Walmart and other outlets, with listed prices from about \$109-\$139. Sometimes accessories are included affecting the price.

The hand held CB system is not for everyone buy certainly is an option and better than being out of communication with your tour group.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1931 Ford Model A Coupe: Has rumble seat. Car was restored by my dad. He had it for 30 years. Very nice to excellent condition. No known issues that I am aware of. Runs good and drives good. Car is located in southwest MI. *Asking \$13,000 Call with questions. Contact Scott Rockrohr in Three Rivers, MI, phone : 716-510-7665*



MARC NATIONAL TOUR

Hosted by Finger Lakes Region of MARC



Penn Yan , NY

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May 11 - May 14 , 2026



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JULY 12-16TH 2026

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October 10, 2026

Drawing Date
October 23, 2026

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Generously donated by Ron Jennings, this stunning 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan was lovingly restored by the Evergreen Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Their team completed a full frame-up restoration including new wood, bodywork, rebuilt drivetrain, upholstery, glass, and a beautiful Ford Maroon finish, as well as brand new Goodyear tires and radiator by the MAFFI staff. The vehicle was proudly presented to MAFFI during the 2014 MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup, Washington.

GRAND PRIZE 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan

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MAY PHOTO OF THE MONTH



A good number of Model A Fords were seen out in the parking lot of the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds on Sunday April 26th as their owners browsed the array of Model A Ford parts and accessories offered at the 62nd Annual Model A Swap Meet sponsored by our Columbus Model A Club.