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From the Editor...



John Emmering

Dear Readers:

Our touring season ended October 30 with a Fall Colors tour through Brown County and we go into November. It certainly was a red letter year for our Columbus Model A Club having co-sponsored the 2026 MARC National Meet. Soon we will be looking for new ideas for 2027 tours.

I appreciate Larry Pumphrey's "Model A Memory" story as well as Rob Kirkpatrick and Larry Morlock's tour reports in this issue. I hope to get more Model A stories from members as they are quite interesting to read. Keep enjoying driving those Model A's before old man winter arrives.

Best Regards, *John*

COVER PHOTO: Our cover Photo was taken by Paul Blizard of Beckley, WV of his 1928 Model A Sport Coupe. We appreciate his letting us use his great photo!





Hello Membership:

As we pull the cars into the garage and tuck them away for the season, it's remarkable to look back on everything we've accomplished this past year. Hosting members and friends at the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick this July was certainly a high point, alongside all of our regular local drives and get-togethers.

Before we officially close out the driving calendar, I'd love to hear your thoughts on how the year went. Which tours or activities were absolute highlights for you? On the flip side, were there any events that missed the mark? Your feedback helps shape our schedule, so please reach out to any board member with your thoughts—whether it's praise for something we should do again or constructive ideas on how we can improve.

Looking ahead, our Thursday, November 12 Membership Meeting is a vital session for our organization. We have two major items on the agenda:

2027 Officer Elections: While we have a solid slate of candidates lined up (detailed below), we always welcome additional volunteers. If you'd like to take on a leadership role or serve on the board, please reach out to me prior to the meeting so we can include you on the ballot.

2027 Dues Vote: The Board's official recommendation is to hold our dues steady at $10 for the coming year. That said, the floor will be open for discussion. If you'd like to propose a different rate, please come prepared to state your motion and share your thoughts with the group.

Please keep in mind our voting rules per the club bylaws: voting is restricted strictly to members in attendance at the **November 12th** meeting. We cannot accept proxy, advance, or mail-in votes, so your presence in the room is essential if you wish to participate.

Enjoy these crisp autumn drives while the weather holds—winter will be here before we know it!

See you going places!

Tim Diehn

Columbus Model A Club 2027 Leadership Team

President – Tim Diehn
Vice President – Blake Hudman
Treasurer – Phil Sutton
Secretary – Rob Kirkpatrick

Board Member 1- Dennis Meyer
Board Member 2- Roger Dean
Board Member 3- John Emmering



Activity Schedule for 2026-2027

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.*
Jan. 7	*Membership Meeting--El Nopal National Road, 5:30 dinner 6:30 Meeting.*
Jan. 9	*Falls City Model A Club Swap Meet, Shepardsville, Kentucky 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.*
Feb. 11	*Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.*
Mar. 11	*Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.*
Apr. 8	*Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.*
Apr. 25	*Columbus Model A Club Swap Meet, Bartholomew Co. Fairgrounds 8:00 am -noon.*
May 13	*Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting.*

What is this Tool used for?



Ron Lawson will tell us in our November Meeting .

Interesting set -up



Pull spark rod up to activate starter

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

Tom Hovetter, President **John Prohaska, Director of Regions**

November 2026

Make sure you renew your membership before expiration. You can renew online, by mail or by calling the office to continue receiving the Model A News (MAN) and access to the website and all the industry leading technical resources it provides.

- $30/year for online access to MAN and full member benefits
- $50/year for hardcopy & electronic MAN and full member benefits.

As a reminder, some of you have reached out to us to let us know you have new local region members to your club that are joining MARC for the first time. **If individuals are joining MARC for the first time, they can sign up for free online membership for one year.** Please continue to help make our club grow!

Remember to make you reservations now at the hotel for the MARC Membership & Tour in Galena, IL, the hometown of President Grant in May and for the MARC National Meet outside of Tulsa in Broken Arrow, OK in July. Hotel information is available on the website and in Model A News, Sept-Oct issue. Registration information is coming in the MAN.

Can't believe another edition of Hershey is behind us. Everyone enjoyed seeing those of you that attended at the MARC Tent and we hope you were able to purchase or pick up your new Judging Standards. If you did not attend, please know that the standards are available at modelarestorersclub.org for purchase or by calling the office.



We were honored that our

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Newsletter won a 2025 MARC of Continuing Excellence Award from Jim Zimmer 2025 MARC Director of Regions.



From the Hope A&W to the Open Road: My Model "A" Story

by Larry Pumphrey

I want to share this little story about my 1931 Slant Window Sedan.

My interest in Model "A" Fords goes way back. My older brother had a '31 Fordor and he would sometimes let me join him and his friends and their A's on their visits to the Hope A&W Drive In. Yes, Hope, Indiana did have an A&W in the 1950's. Later, in that same time period, I had my first date with my future wife, Carol, in that same Model "A" when we double-dated with my brother and his date.

Around 1980 I purchased a 1930 Fordor from Paul Wright who some of you might remember. That car, and a '31 Roadster I purchased from Don Bowne, tragically were destroyed in a fire.

I purchased my Slant Window in November 2024 from a widow near Cleveland, Ohio. Her husband had passed a couple years earlier. The car was in excellent shape and I paid too much for it! I am not sorry for that because the car has been a joy for me to own and drive. Owning the car caused me to search out your Columbus Model "A" Club where Carol and I have met so many great friends. That's the best thing about the car hobby!

The Slant Window Model "A" had many upgrades when I purchased it such as a 12 volt alternator, 1935 16" wheels, cast brake drums, modern shocks, and more. I have added an F-1 steering gear, and best of all, a T-5 five speed transmission with overdrive. The car had a Ryan OD and a synchronized Mitchell Transmission when I made the purchase. The Ryan transmission was too noisy for my ears so I sold the OD and the tranny for more than enough to pay for the T-5. Now I began to feel better about my original purchase.

I didn't have my Model "A" very long before the engine blew a head gasket just as I pulled into my shop after a fairly long drive. What luck! Better yet, Ronnie Huddleston offered to help me do the repair. How wonderful to be in a club where help shows up without being asked!

Carol and I look forward to many more good times with the Columbus Model "A " Club. I Just wish we were 40 again! Don't we all?



A MONSTER OF A GOOD TIME IN ELWOOD!

Members Enjoy a Fall Tour and Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*

by Rob Kirkpatrick

Bright sunshine, a brisk autumn headwind, and the promise of good food and a little theatrical intrigue set the stage for another enjoyable Columbus Model A Ford Club outing on Saturday, October 17th. This time, our destination was Elwood, Indiana, where a small but enthusiastic group of adventurers headed north for a day that would combine motoring, friendship, local history, and an encounter with one of literature's most famous monsters.

Leading the expedition was Tim Howell, accompanied by friend Mike Manning. Joining the adventure along the way were Larry Morlock, Ronnie Lawson, Scott King, and Debbie and Rob Kirkpatrick. Despite the sunshine, the chilly headwind provided a reminder that autumn had definitely arrived in Indiana! Upon reaching Elwood, our traveling group met up with Larry and Jo Ann Wilcrout, along with fellow Model A friends Darrell and Margaret Idlewine and Mike and Connie Mattingly.

Our first destination was the Tin Plate Restaurant, where everyone settled in for an enjoyable lunch and an opportunity to catch up with friends. As it turns out, the restaurant's name is more than just a quaint reference to Elwood's past. It recalls the tin plate industry that transformed this Indiana community during the 1890s. Business was apparently so good, and the town's appetite for entertainment so great, that Elwood eventually boasted not one, not two, but THREE opera houses!

Following lunch, it was time for the day's main attraction: a community theater presentation of *Frankenstein* at the Elwood Opera House.

The Elwood production, adapted by its director from Shelley's original work, offered little resemblance to the familiar 1931 Hollywood classic. Instead, the audience was treated to a presentation that explored the deeper themes of the original novel.

At its heart, *Frankenstein* is more than a frightening tale of a scientist who creates life. It is a cautionary story about the dangers of unchecked scientific ambition, the devastating consequences of social isolation, and the responsibilities of a creator toward his creation. Considering today's rapidly advancing technology and scientific discoveries, the themes presented in this 208-year-old story seemed remarkably timely.

With another enjoyable outing behind us, our little band of adventurers climbed aboard and motored home, having experienced a pleasant combination of Indiana history, good food, friendship, and a touch of Gothic horror.

Special thanks go to Tour Leader Tim Howell for organizing and leading this memorable autumn excursion. After all, what could be better than a beautiful fall day spent with Model A friends—even if the afternoon entertainment was a little monstrous!







Motoring Through Northern Indiana: Five Days of Model A Adventures



By Larry Morlock

Ten members in five cars departed on Monday, October 19 in beautiful weather to tour some of the attractions in northwest Indiana, led by Phil Sutton and Tim Howell. The touring group consisted of Phil Sutton and Larry Morlock, Tim Howell and Terry Beaver, Randy Huey and Phyllis Hoffman, Ron Lawson, and Roger, Cheryl and Eric Goodman.

After enjoying some warm apple pie at Tim & Frieda's house, we made our way to Bunker Hill, Indiana, where we visited the Grissom Air Museum. There are a number of airplanes on display that represent the various missions of the Grissom Air Force Base, including a rare B-58 that was the fastest US bomber at Mach 2.2. We then went on to Peru for the night.

On Tuesday, we went to Nappanee and enjoyed a tour of the Coppes Mill Museum that has a display of all the old kitchen furniture that was made there, plus the antique mall that is using the rest of the building. That afternoon we went to Gerald Hochstetter's Model A restoration shop where we saw some of his outstanding restoration work.

On Wednesday, we were entertained by Stan and Mary Sorrels at their home in LaPorte where they have an extensive collection of Model A Fords and old gas memorabilia. After that, we visited the LaPorte County Historical Museum which has a surprisingly large collection of vintage automobiles and airplanes, including a Model A powered Pietenpol airplane.

Thursday found us in Monticello where we visited the nearby Tippecanoe Battlefield memorial. This Is where William Henry Harrison defeated Tecumseh and his Indian forces in a decisive battle for control of the Indiana Territory in 1811.

On our way home on Friday, we stopped in Crawfordsville to visit the study of Gen. Lew Wallace, who was a noted Civil War General, diplomat and author of the book "Ben-Hur."

We had a few misfortunes, including Phill backing into something and putting a dent in the back of his car, a couple of falls requiring some minor first aid, and Larry filling up Phil's car with diesel fuel. However, that did not dampen our enthusiasm and we all had a wonderful Model A experience during the tour in gorgeous weather.

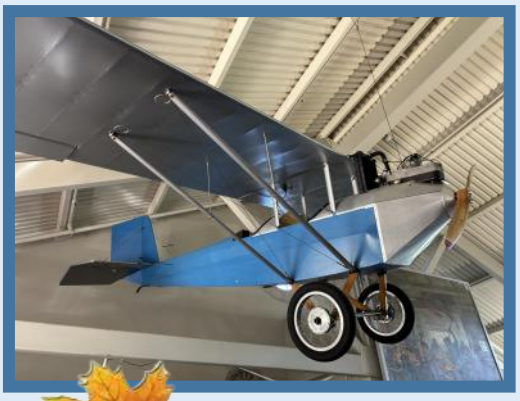




Photo highlights of the Fall Northern Indiana Tour











HERSHEY 2026: THE END OF THE RAINBOW FOR ANTIQUE CAR ENTHUSIASTS

Where Automotive History, Hidden Treasures, and Old Friendships Come Together

By John Emmering

For antique automobile enthusiasts, there is one place each October that needs little introduction. Simply mention "Hershey," and visions of endless rows of vintage automobile parts, beautifully preserved classics, rare automotive treasures, and old friends immediately come to mind. This year four of our members, Jack Sullivan, Wayne Arnholt, Ronnie Pendygraft and Jerry Glunt headed out to Hershey in Jack's pickup. Tim Howell also traveled to the event with items to sell.

The 2026 Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Eastern Fall Nationals took place October 6–9, transforming the sprawling grounds surrounding Hershey Park and the GIANT Center into an automotive enthusiast's paradise. The Hershey Region of the AACA first hosted the Eastern Fall Meet in 1955. Since then, it has grown into one of America's largest and most celebrated antique automobile shows and swap meets. With the exception of 2020, the event has continued uninterrupted for more than seven decades, becoming an October pilgrimage for generations of collectors, restorers, historians, and hobbyists. What began as a gathering of antique automobile enthusiasts has evolved into a massive celebration of automotive history, attracting thousands of vendors and visitors from across the country and beyond.

Perhaps the greatest attraction at Hershey is its legendary flea market. Imagine acres upon acres of vendors displaying everything imaginable for antique automobiles. From elusive Model A Ford components to brass-era accessories, vintage literature, original advertising signs, wooden wheels, old license plates, gas pumps, and complete automobile bodies, the variety is nearly overwhelming. Some visitors arrive carrying carefully prepared shopping lists, searching for that one impossible-to-find part needed to complete a restoration.

Others simply wander the aisles, hoping to discover an unexpected treasure hidden beneath a vendor's table. And then there are those who come just to look, reminisce, swap stories, and enjoy the atmosphere. Walking Hershey is an adventure in itself. Seasoned attendees know that comfortable shoes are nearly as important as a well-stocked wallet!

While the flea market may be the main attraction for many, Hershey offers considerably more. The enormous Car Corral provides an opportunity to admire antique and collector automobiles offered for sale, while the traditional Friday car show brings together more than 1,000 remarkable vehicles representing over a century of automotive development.

The 2026 gathering featured an extraordinary variety of historic automobiles, including a 1923 American Touring Car, a 1929 Nash Model 423, a 1925 Moon Sport Roadster, a rare 1936 Railton Fairmile Drophead Coupe, and a prototype 1956 Allard Palm Beach Mk II. Later automotive history was represented by such unusual machines as the 1954 Packard Panther Daytona and the legendary 1970 Petty Plymouth Superbird. Other traditional Hershey activities included the High Wheeler Contest, Race Car Condition Run, judging school, AACA Juniors activities, an old-time movie night, and the popular talent show.

Of particular interest to our Model A Ford community was the Model A Restorers Club's expanded gathering area in the Red Field. The club welcomed members and visitors to its new, larger location at spaces providing additional room for fellowship, conversation, and the exchange of Model A knowledge. A favorite tradition was the annual MARC Chili Luncheon, where enthusiasts could take a welcome break from exploring the swap meet, enjoy a warm meal, reconnect with longtime friends, and perhaps share a few stories about the treasures discovered that morning.

Special thanks go to the AACA, the Hershey Region, and the countless volunteers whose dedication makes this extraordinary event possible year after year. For Model A Ford owners, there is always that irresistible possibility that somewhere among the thousands of vendors lies the very part they have been searching for.

HERSHEY AACA Fall National Meet AND SWAP MEET





HERSHEY 2026
HERSHEY REGION AACA EASTERN FALL MEET
OCTOBER 6-11, 2026
Where American Freedom Meets Automotive History











YOUTH Department



Emily Ellway

Jr. MARC: Keeping the Model A Spirit Alive for Future Generations!

Inspiring Tomorrow's Model A Enthusiasts Today!

The future of the Model A hobby is in the hands of the next generation, and Jr. MARC is helping make sure that future is bright! Since its founding in 1952, the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) has brought together enthusiasts from all walks of life, united by their love and appreciation of Henry Ford's remarkable Model A. Now, Jr. MARC is carrying that proud tradition forward by introducing younger generations to the excitement, history, and enjoyment of these wonderful automobiles.

Through educational opportunities, hands-on experiences, and assistance programs, Jr. MARC encourages young people to discover the Model A hobby, develop new skills, and become tomorrow's owners, restorers, and club members.

After all, preserving the Model A isn't just about keeping these wonderful old cars running—it's about passing along the friendships, knowledge, and enthusiasm that make this hobby so special!

Help us introduce a young person to the Model A experience. Together, we can keep those four-cylinder engines running and the Model A tradition thriving for another 50 years and beyond!

Want to Learn More About Jr. MARC? Contact MARC Youth Coordinator *Emily Ellway*
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Old Car Cartoons



"It being the 100th Anniversary, we'd like the 1926 Rate!"



"Boy, wait till my Dad gets a peek at this beauty!!"

Fashions of 1920s & 1930s

Winter Driving Fashions in a Model A

A 1930s Journey Through the Frost

Driving a Ford Model A in the dead of winter was not for the faint of heart. Long before the luxury of modern climate-controlled cabins, defrosters, and heated seats, Model A owners had to rely on heavy-duty layering, sheer grit, and a bit of mechanical ingenuity to stay warm on the open road. Because early automotive heaters were often aftermarket accessories the cabin warmth depended entirely on what the driver wore.



Essential Winter Wardrobe for the 1930s Motorist

To combat sub-zero temperatures and howling winter winds rattling against the canvas or steel roof, a well-prepared driver suited up in garments designed for maximum wind resistance and thermal insulation:

- **The Leather Car Coat (Mackinaw or Shearling):** Heavy cowhide or horsehide leather jackets lined with sheepskin or thick wool were standard issue. They blocked the biting wind completely and stood up to the grease and grime of roadside engine checks.

- **Heavy Wool Breeches and Leggings:** Paired with thick wool socks, high leather lace-up boots or galoshes kept ankles and feet safe from the drafty floorboards around the Model A's foot pedals.



- **Gauntlet Gloves:** Standard everyday gloves let the cold air straight in through the seams. Drivers wore extra-long leather gauntlets that pulled up past the coat cuffs, protecting wrists from freezing drafts while gripping the large hard-rubber steering wheel.

- **Aviator-Style Caps and Goggles:** Model A Roadsters and Phaetons had drafty side curtains that lacked tight seals. A fur-lined cap with ear flaps, paired with anti-fog driving goggles, was crucial for maintaining visibility during blinding snowstorms or when driving with the windshield slightly cracked open to prevent fogging.

Imagine cranking the engine on a frosty January morning in 1930. You pull the choke, retard the spark lever on the steering column, and depress the starter. Once the four-cylinder engine sputters to life, you quickly button up your heavy shearling collar.

As you cruise down snow-packed country roads, the engine ticking rhythmically beneath the hood, your thick leather gauntlets steady the steering wheel against the ruts. Though your nose might catch a hint of chill, your trusty layers ensure that winter motoring remains an adventure rather than an ordeal.



FORD MODEL "A" TECHNICAL TIPS

Pre-purchase Inspection



Found an interesting Model A Ford for sale? Before you make the deal it is important to check the car out. Begin your inspection with the body. Open and close every door. They should fit properly without excessive lifting, dragging, or slamming. Sagging doors or uneven gaps can indicate deteriorated structural wood, previous accident damage, body misalignment, or frame problems. Stand back and study the car from several angles. Follow the body lines along the sides. Do they appear straight and consistent? Look for ripples, uneven surfaces, mismatched paint, and evidence of excessive body filler.

Model A fenders are particularly vulnerable to dents, rust, and previous repairs. A fender that looks perfect under fresh paint may contain substantial plastic filler. Inspect the lower body panels, running boards, splash aprons and floor areas.

On body styles containing structural wood, examine it carefully for rot, looseness, and deterioration. Replacing extensive body wood can become a major undertaking.

Then get down and look underneath! The Model A's frame is literally the foundation of the automobile. Examine the frame rails, crossmembers, and mounting points for cracks, distortion, serious corrosion, and questionable repairs.

An engine that starts and runs is not necessarily a healthy engine. Ask the seller to leave the engine cold before your arrival. Observe how readily it starts, listen for unusual knocks or rattles, and watch for excessive exhaust smoke.

Check for coolant leakage around the water pump and head gasket. Look underneath for excessive oil leakage. ay particular attention to the cooling system. Overheating may indicate radiator problems, restricted water passages, incorrect ignition timing, or other mechanical issues.

Inspect the fan, especially if the car retains an original two-blade metal fan. These early fans are known to develop fatigue cracks and should generally be replaced with a modern safety fan.

Another important consideration is the engine's Babbitt bearings if the car is still so equipped. Excessive bearing wear can lead to an expensive engine rebuild. If you are unfamiliar with the sounds and characteristics of a healthy Model A engine, bring along someone who is.
And don't forget to ask when the engine was last rebuilt, who performed the work, and whether receipts are available. During inspection, check the brake rods, linkages, drums, and overall adjustment.

Steering deserves equal attention. Model A steering systems evolved during production, including the early seven-tooth design and later two-tooth steering gear. Regardless of which system is installed, excessive steering-wheel play, binding, or wandering should be investigated.

If possible, take the car for a meaningful test drive rather than a quick trip around the parking lot. Does the engine pull smoothly? Does the transmission shift properly? Is there unusual vibration? Does the car track straight? Brakes stop it evenly?

Remember that a Model A is a nearly century-old automobile. It will not handle, accelerate, or stop like a modern vehicle. Nevertheless, a properly maintained example should feel reasonably predictable and mechanically sound. If the seller refuses to allow a reasonable inspection or demonstration, consider that as a warning sign.

Make certain the seller has a valid title, that the identification information is consistent with applicable state requirements, and that any discrepancies are resolved before money changes hands.

Because the cost of paint, upholstery, engine work, body wood, chrome plating, tires, and replacement parts can accumulate surprisingly quickly purchasing a well-maintained, properly restored Model A costs considerably less than restoring a neglected example to the same condition.

Before making a purchase, contact an experienced club member and ask whether they would accompany you to inspect the automobile. Someone who has owned, restored, and driven Model A's for years may recognize problems that a newcomer would never notice.

Take your time shopping. Ask questions. Inspect carefully. Don't be afraid to walk away from a questionable automobile. There will always be another Model A for sale.
Find a good one, maintain it properly, and enjoy it often. After all, Henry Ford built the Model A to be driven—not merely admired from a lawn chair!



42nd ANNUAL WINTER SWAP MEET



*** * * * Shepherdsville, Kentucky * * * ***

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Saturday, January 9th, 2027

Paroquet Springs Conference Centre

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Admission $5.00 Children 12 and under are Free

10 X 12 Vendor Spaces--$15.00 **Car Corral Spaces Inside-----$30.00**

Tables for rent-------$2.00 each (Quantities are limited)

Vendors Setup Beginning at 6am **Doors Open at 8 am – 1 pm**

Breakfast & Lunch available at the meet ***Raffles – you need not be present to win!***

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Meeting Minutes



Rob Kirkpatrick, Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2026

41 members were present: Steve Butler, Deglan Cunningham, Ed and Mary Dathe, Roger Dean, Tim Diehn, Jim and Cathy Dininger, Christian and Susan Easton, John Emmering, Dave Engle, Bob Itell, Scott King, Bob Kinser, Rob and Debbie Kirkpatrick, Ronnie Lawson, Mike and Bev Marsh, Bryan and Alice Mattison, Tonya McLeod, Don and Ellen McGlothlin, Dennis Meyer, Larry and Mary Morgan, Larry Morlock, Albert and Roberta Ogden, John Prochaska, Larry and Carol Pumphrey, Phil and Marge Sutton, Patrick Taylor, Randy and Angia Watts, Dan and Connie Young

12 fun ol' Model A Fords graced the parking lot.

Minutes

September minutes were approved.

New Member

Tim introduced Bob Itell who owns a '28 Sport Coupe and completed it in time for his daughter's wedding. Bob also showed us the turn signal arrangement he adapted from a $35S bicycle package sold on Amazon. It's controlled by Bluetooth and provides full turn and 4-way functionality.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance		**14,587.35**
Income		
Dues		60.00
50/50		58.00
	+ **$**	**118.00**
Expenses		**0**
Ending Balance		**$14,705.35**

Cares & Concerns

- Dick Bray had a pacemaker installed and is doing fine!
- Larry Purcell is now in home hospice.
- Mike Baker's nephew took his own life, Hunter Chitwood, 17
- Scott King is getting better after his surgery but still has difficulty getting up and down.

Touring Notes

- Tim Howell will lead a group to Duck Creek in Elwood, IN on October 17th to see the play "Frankenstein".
- The annual Fall Trip will be led by Tim Howell and Phil Sutton to Northern Indiana. Included will be a Model A shop in Nappanee, Stan Sorrels' great collection in Laporte, a Frank Lloyd Wright house in West Lafayette, and the Lew Wallace (wrote Ben Hur) Museum in Crawfordsville. There are 5 or 6 cars participating, **and they would like two more to join the tour.**

Old Business

- Tim reviewed ideas being discussed for use of the 2025 and 2026 funds derived from the National Meeting and National Meets.
- Picture Directory to print and one the web
- Donation to a HS Automotive program
- MAYRA
- Club member Welcome Kits
- Club apparel
- Kick Start a plan for preserving the Arvin Sculpture

Nominations remain open for the November election of Officers.

One board seat is still in need of at least one candidate. Could that be you?

John Emmering needs stories for the newsletter. **How about a few paragraphs and some pics about your favorite A, how you came to own it, what you've done to it and with it?**

Tonya McLeod is taking over the website. Thanks to John Prochaska for years of site management.

New Business

Tim reminded members that we will look for nominations for board and officer positions at the November meeting and elect the 2027 leadership at the December meeting.

John Prohaska is now the MARC Director of Region and he reviews all Regions' newsletters by AI.

Mary Dathe won the 50/50 ($48). Other fun drawing items donated by John Prohaska went to Dennis Meyer (Bees Knees puzzle), Debbie Kirkpatrick (Vol 3 and 5 of Technically Speaking), Ed Dath (another volume 3 in the wrapper), and Dennis Meyer again (the previous edition of the Restoration Guidelines)

Phil Sutton presented a great collection of pics from the trip he and Marge and others took to the eastern end of Canada in 2004(?). Over 5,000 miles, fun and beautiful scenery everywhere.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Rob Kirkpatrick*



Bob Itell explained how he used this Blue Tooth Bicycle turn signal kit from **Amazon** to provide turn signals for his Model A Ford.

External turn indicators can be mounted on front and rear bumpers and controlled from inside the car with Bluetooth Controls.

A Reminder from our Treasurer Phil Sutton…

Bring cash or checks to our November 12th Members Meeting and please pay for your 2027 dues and Christmas Dinner.





2027 Dues $10.00

Christmas Dinner $30 per person

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FOR SALE: 1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Coupe

Same Family for 40 Years, Starts, Runs, Drives Well! Brown Leather Rumble Seat. Beige Felt Interior
White Wall Tires, Yellow Spoke Rims. Added on:
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Asking $20,000. For information call 260-570-0146 or 260-402-6080 or send email to: museumselectmotors@gmail.com
The vehicle is located at the Early Ford V-8 Museum, in Auburn, Indiana.

This Month of in Ford Model "A" History

In November 1929 Ford Prepared to Enter the Decade of the 1930's



As America struggled with the aftermath of the October 1929 stock market crash, Ford Motor Company was preparing an important transformation of its popular Model A. November marked the transition from the 1929 to the 1930 models. Ford slowed assembly operations and temporarily closed certain assembly plants to accommodate updated styling, including redesigned fenders, a taller radiator shell, and a revised hood and cowl.

The changeover did not happen overnight. Production of the updated 1930 models began at Dearborn in late 1929, while regional assembly plants gradually followed. By December, numerous Ford plants across the country were producing the new models, with the remaining facilities completing their transitions by January 1930. Thus, some of the earliest 1930 Model A Fords were actually manufactured in 1929!

Despite the gathering economic storm, Ford had enjoyed a remarkable year, reclaiming the American automobile sales crown from Chevrolet. The Model A would continue its successful run through 1931, with limited production extending into early 1932. For Ford enthusiasts, November 1929 represents an interesting chapter in Model A history—the moment the familiar 1928–1929 styling began giving way to the distinctive appearance of the 1930–1931 models.

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NOVEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Participants in the Fall Tour to through Northern Indiana stopped for a photo at the entrance to General Lew Wallace's Study, in Crawfordsville. He was a famous Union Civil War Commander, Diplomat and author of the novel, Ben Hur, A Tale of the Christ. The tour took place October 19-23.