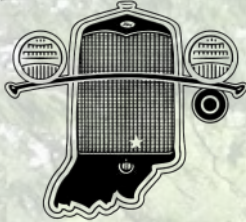


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MODEL A FORD CLUB  
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

# GOING Places



*Spring Touring Begins in Indiana*

*Lots of interesting tours planned*

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**From  
the  
Editor...**



**John Emmering**

**Dear Readers:**

There is lots of information in this April issue especially with regard to some upcoming tours. Be sure to look over the descriptions of the weekend Bardstown, Kentucky Tour scheduled for June 12-14 and the Red Barn Theater tour on June 28th. These tours require a timely response as hotel rooms and tickets are selling fast.

I put together another car story involving my family on page 10. I am sure there are many of you with "Model A Memories" of one kind or another and I hope to run similar stories from our members. If you have a story or a story idea let me know.

Last year we had some good articles from members and I hope we can get some more member generated content. Enjoy the spring weather and see you at our April events.

**Best Regards**

*John*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 9**      *Membership Meeting—5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting*
- April 18**    *Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast (Sutton) 7:45 am*
- April 26**    *Columbus/MARC Swap Meet, 4-H Fairgrounds*

# *A Message from the* **PRESIDENT** *A Word From Tim Diehn*



## *Hello Membership*

April officially kicks off our touring season with the annual **Cobweb Tour** to Bloomington for the pancake breakfast! This is the perfect opportunity to dust off your Model A, blow out the cobwebs, and give your car a good run to see what might need tweaking before the full season gets into high gear. Of course, given our Indiana weather, I suspect many of you have already taken advantage of those warm, salt-free days in February and March—but don't worry, your secret is safe with me!

Also arriving this month is our **Annual Swap Meet**. Traditionally, this has been our primary fundraiser, allowing the club to host picnics, support charitable organizations during our tours, fund youth scholarships, and offset the costs of our Christmas party. The Swap Meet also has allowed us to keep our dues flat for many years without seeking outside advertisers or sponsorships. While we are currently in a fortunate financial position thanks to the success of last year's MARC Membership Meet, the Swap Meet remains a vital tradition. It's a wonderful time to swap parts, share stories, and reconnect with old friends. Please plan on attending and, if possible, volunteering your time. **John Prohaska** is leading the charge again this year, so please reach out to him if you are available to help.

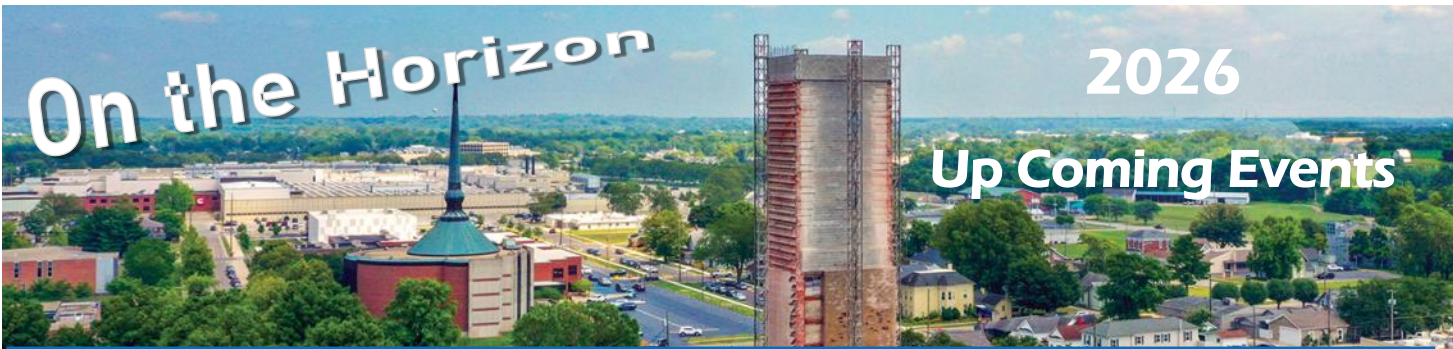
Most of my "Model A time" recently has been spent assisting **Rex Hinkle** with preparations for the **MARC National Meet** in French Lick this July. If you haven't checked out the website lately, please do so at [modelarestorersclub.org/frenchlick2026/](http://modelarestorersclub.org/frenchlick2026/). Online registration is live, and nearly 25% of attendees have already signed up this way! Many of you have reached out asking about volunteer opportunities. We will have approximately 80 time slots to fill and are currently developing an online signup form to streamline the process. Expect more details on that next month, but in the meantime, we ask that every club member attending consider volunteering at least two hours of their time. Let's work together to show everyone some true **Hoosier Hospitality!**

## *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.



## Activity Schedule for 2026

*Check the schedule each month in case there are changes.*

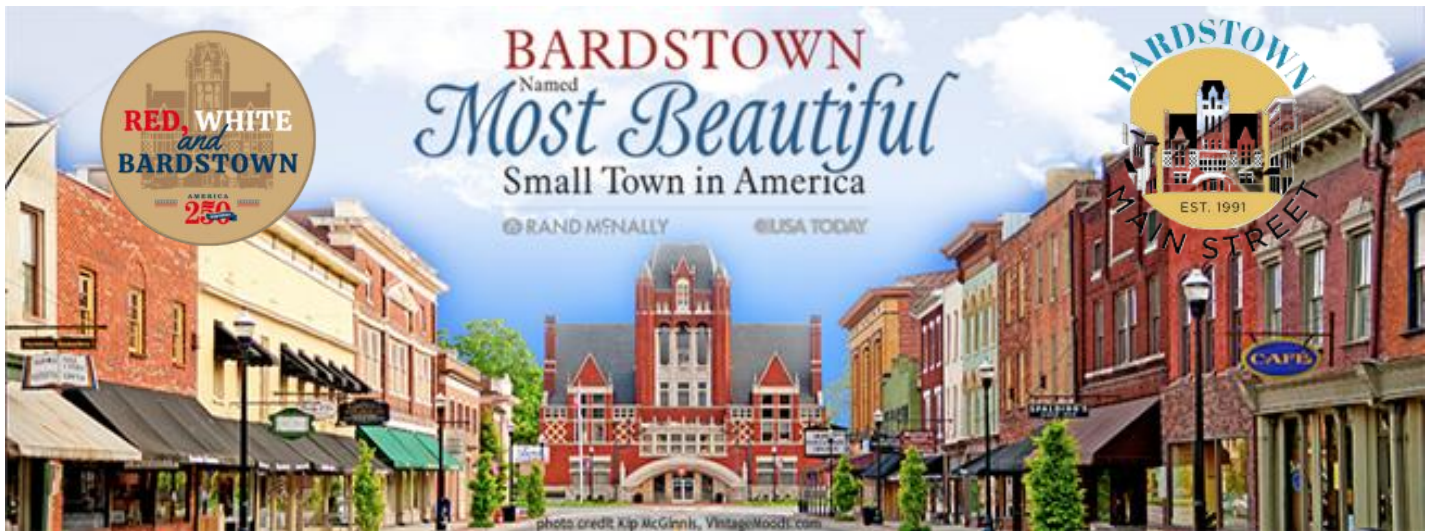
- April 9**      **Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting**
- April 18**     **Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast, St. Marks Methodist Church meet at the JayC's Parking lot at the Westhill Mall on Jonathan Moore Pike (Rt. 46) at 7:45 am.**
- April 26**     **Columbus/M.A.R.C. Swap Meet, 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN (Prohaska)**
- 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 several of our Columbus Member's Garages and projects.**
- June 6**       **Tour to Oldenburg, IN. Lunch and tour of Sisters of St. Francis Convent (Williamson)**
- June 11**     **No June Meeting**
- June 12-14** **Bardstown KY. Tour (Meyer)\*      See details on Page 5.**
- June 28**     **Red Barn Theater, Frankfurt, Indiana. Play: "Wait Until Dark" (Pumphrey) See pg. 9**
- 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 Victory. (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.**



**APR 18 Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast, St. Mark's Church, Bloomington (Sutton)**

Ready to blow off the cobwebs on your A? Do it the easy way by driving! Join us for the annual Cobweb Tour/Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 100 N. State Road 46, Bloomington, Indiana. From Columbus, Larry Morlock will be leading a pack from the Westhill/Jay C shopping center, we will meet up by 7:45 am leaving at 8 am sharp. There will be a small car show of other makes/models to enjoy after the breakfast .



**Bardstown, Kentucky Tour      June Friday 12-Sunday June 14**

- 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, March 12, 2026**  
*Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by President Tim Diehn*

50 members were present: Paul and Tamara Arlin, Steve Butler, Deglan Cunningham, Jerry and Sharon Curbox, Ed and Mary Dathe, Roger Dean, Tim Diehn, Jim and Cathy Dininger, Christian and Susan Easton, John Emmering, Jerry and Deanna Glunt, Rex Hinkle, Tim Howell, Blake Hudman, Scott King, Bob Kinser, Rob and Debbie Kirkpatrick, Peter Kloosterman, Dennis Knight, Mike and Bev Marsh, Bryan and Alice Mattison, Don and Ellen McGlothlin, Dennis Meyer, Larry Morlock, Albert and Roberta Ogden, John Prohaska, Larry and Carol Pumphrey, Chris Rider, Phil Sutton, Neil Wesseler, Jay and Caryn Williamson, Dan and Connie Young, plus new member Butch Glatz, and guests Lisa Lawson and Susan Wagner.

- Tim welcomed Patrick and Patty Taylor as new members, plus our guests.
- The Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

<b>Treasure's Report</b>	<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$5,569.17</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues		115.00
50/50		59.00
Deposit added by the bank		300.00
Transfer from MARC Seed Money		8,428.93
	+	<b>\$ 8,902.93</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Newsletter		49.28
Planning Meeting		100.00
MARC Dues		25.00
	-	<b>\$ 174.28</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$14,297.82</b>

**Committee Reports/Care & concern**

- Phil Sutton reported that his good friend Tim DeBruicker, a member of the Bloomington Club passed away on Tuesday.
- Phil told a new Kathryn Sullivan memorial joke and we laughed.

**Touring Notes**

- Phil has tours lined up and five cars, 10 people, are planning to go on the MARC tour of the Finger Lakes region in May.
- The initial Touring List for the year has been sent out with a good number of tours and activities planned.

- Larry and Carol Pumphrey are planning a day trip on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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

- Tim Howell and Phil Sutton are planning an October Weekend Tour.
- Jack and Linda Sullivan will be leading the Fall Foliage Tour October 31<sup>st</sup> .

### **MARC National Meet – Rex Hinkle**

- Rex Hinkle updated us: Everything is going well!
- Registrations are flowing in now that they can be made online
- Approximately 250 rooms have been booked so far

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY NOW:** Rex would like to find a person interested in doing a little re-search. **Carl Cook, owner of the resort, would like to have some extra special cars to be on display inside. Unusual, special models of Model As would be the goal.**

**SO: If you have the time and knowledge of people around the state who might have a car/truck that could meet goal, and would be willing to contact them, Rex and the French Lick folks would be very grateful.**

Deglan Cunningham has volunteered to help Tim Diehn setup an online volunteer signup form with his knowledge of Signup Genius. Thanks, Deglan!

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

### **New Business**

- John Prohaska shared that reservations for the April 26<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet are sold out inside, although there could still be some additional outside possibilities
- Charlotte Prohaska **AND VOLUNTEERS (hint, hint)** are doing the food
- **Be sure to sign up to help when ask at the next meeting (April 9<sup>th</sup>)**
- Reminder to pay/renew your 2026 dues to the club and the Nationals

### **PROGRAM**

- Ron Lawson gave a presentation on how he restored his 1929 Model A Fordor over the years from very rough condition to the beautiful car that is today .



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

*Rob Kirkpatrick*



# A Day of Discovery: Columbus Model A Club Explores Muncie's Hidden Gems



Tour Hosts Frieda & Tim Howell

**T**welve enthusiastic members of the Columbus Model A Club set off early on Saturday, March 14, for what would become a memorable day of exploration in Muncie, Indiana. The adventure—thoughtfully envisioned and organized by Tim and Frieda Howell—promised history, learning, and plenty of camaraderie.

The first stop brought the group to the **National Model Aviation Museum**, the world's largest museum dedicated entirely to model aviation. Guided by museum director Michael Smith, members delved into more than a century of aeromodelling history. Shelves and displays overflowed with intricate model aircraft, engines, radio-control systems, tools, documents, and countless artifacts that showcased the cre-

ativity and engineering brilliance of aviation hobbyists who helped influence modern flight.

With inspiration soaring, the group made its way to **By Hand & Fork**, a local favorite, where everyone enjoyed a warm lunch and lively conversation before continuing the day's adventures.

The tour then ventured into lush greenery at the **Ri-nard Orchid Greenhouse**, home to the largest collegiate orchid species collection in the country. More than 2,000 orchids and tropical plants filled the space, including rare and endangered species. The greenhouse surprised visitors with its vibrant ecosystem—complete with salamanders, turtles, and bees—all of which support hands-on learning for students and visitors alike.



Next, the group explored the expansive 40-acre **Minnetrista Museum & Gardens**, a cultural landmark built on the legacy of the Ball family. Members strolled through beautifully curated gardens and toured museum exhibits that explored the history of the Ball family's business empire. The second-floor art collection added yet another layer of beauty and fascination.

A highlight for many was the visit to the **Ball Brothers Mansions**, especially stepping inside the historic home that houses the famous **Bob Ross studio**, where *The Joy of Painting* was filmed. The immer-

sive exhibit, featuring original artwork and memorabilia, captured Ross's spirit of fearless creativity and left visitors inspired.

The day concluded on a sweet note with a stop at **Lowerys Homemade Candies**, where members picked out chocolates and treats to bring home. With smiles (and candy bags) in hand, the group parted ways after a full and fulfilling day of exploration.

All who participated expressed sincere appreciation to Tim and Frieda Howell for crafting such a thoughtful and enjoyable trip.



## RED BARN THEATRE

Larry and Carol Pumphrey are leading a tour on Sunday June 28 to the Red Barn Theatre near Frankfort, IN. The theatre has been presenting stage shows for more than 50 years. We have been to eight or more and have never been disappointed. This will be a matinee on a Sunday afternoon and the performance will be "Wait Until Dark" a very popular early production starring Audrey Hepburn. Check it out online at <https://www.redbarntheatre.net>

I am bringing this to your attention now because tickets sell out very fast. If you wish to join us we will need a payment of \$42.00 per person at the next club meeting. This covers your ticket and a catered meal next door to the theatre at a lovely country home. Included as well are ice cream desserts at a great museum in Frankfort which you won't want to miss! The museum has two Duesenberg's and a scaled down version of Zaharako's and scads of other neat stuff.

If you can't attend the next meeting, but want to join the tour, send payment to me at 6969 West 100 North, Greensburg IN. Hope to see you there! *Larry and Carol Pumphrey*

# A Ford Model "A" Memory



## The 1930 Model A Became a Family Legend on Four Wheels

By John Emmering

My first introduction to the lore of the Model A Ford came long before I ever understood what a Model A even looked like. It arrived in the form of a story my mother loved to tell—one about freedom, sibling rivalry, and a stubborn old car that refused to settle an argument even seventy years later.

In 1949, my mother, **Elaine Zika**, was fifteen years old and itching for independence. The problem was transportation. My grandfather, **Frank Zika**, owned a magnificent 1947 V-12 Lincoln Zephyr, but there was never any doubt about who controlled its steering wheel—and it wasn't his teenage daughters. If Elaine wanted to drive, she would need to find another option.

Fortunately, she had an ally: her older sister **Violet**, nineteen years old, gainfully employed, and just as tempted by the promise of mobility. The two sisters quietly agreed to search for a car they could share.

Elaine already had some experience. She'd been dating a boy who drove a 1931 Model A Victoria, and at first she learned by watching him shift. Eventually, he taught her to drive it herself. She mastered the rituals of Model A operation—pulling the choke to start, adjusting the spark, and double-clutching like a pro. By the time a newspaper ad appeared in the Berwyn, Illinois newspaper, she was ready.

The listing offered a 1930 Model A Tudor for \$50. The sisters went to see it and met its owner, a piano professor who had carefully hoarded six spare tires throughout the war years. The deal was made. Elaine—still unlicensed—drove the car home.

From that moment on, the Model A became both transportation and controversy.



### The 1930 Model A Ford Tudor in question

Elaine always insisted she had contributed to the purchase and therefore owned the car jointly with Violet. Violet, however, firmly believed she alone was the rightful owner. The disagreement would prove remarkably durable.

Violet eventually learned to drive the Model A, and soon after, Elaine took her driving test in the old Ford. After a short trip behind the wheel, the examiner reportedly told her, *"You pass. If you can drive this, you can drive anything."*

But harmony between the sisters didn't last. Violet was something of a homebody, while Elaine was an active teenager who liked to be out—and the Model A was her ticket. Violet felt Elaine was using the car far more than her share. At one point, matters escalated so badly that Violet chained one of the Model A's spoked wheels to a tree to keep her sister from taking it out. That did not stop Elaine for long.

One beautiful spring day, Elaine and a girlfriend decided that a day at Lake Michigan sounded far more appealing than classes at Morton High School. They found the Model A parked outside Violet's workplace. Thinking they would get it back by her quitting time, they fired it up, and headed for the lake—while Violet watched angrily from a window.

The day itself was wonderful. The return trip was not.

On the way home, the Model A's water pump failed—a common problem on well worn Model A Fords. Elaine called her boyfriend, who arrived with a replacement pump and fixed the problem on the spot. In gratitude, Elaine gave him the car's original Sparton horn, which was later replaced with an aftermarket one. The battle over the use of the Model A lasted through 1950 into 1951.

By then, the car had inspired yet another Zika to take up driving. Seeing her daughters' newfound independence, my grandmother **Lillian Zika**, at age forty-two, decided she wanted to learn to drive as well. She helped Violet purchase a brand-new 1951 Ford with a Ford-O-Matic transmission—far easier for a beginner to learn to drive on and a car she would occasionally use. The Model A was traded in toward a new 1951 Ford Deluxe Tudor.



**Mom, (L) and her friend on "Ditch Day"**

And yet, the argument over ownership of the Model A between my mother and Aunt Violet never ended.



## **2025 MARC MILEAGE AWARDS**

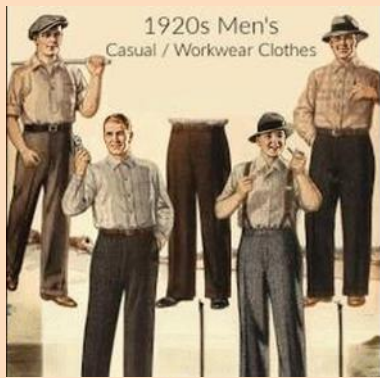


The 2025 year-end odometer readings for our club have been submitted to the national chairman of the MARC Mileage Program. We will be passing out the awards at a future membership meeting.

Here's the miles driven for the top driving families for 2025 (some are multiple cars):

- |                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Jack & Linda Sullivan 9919      | 6. Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick 2751     |
| 2. Dennis & Kathy Meyer 7486       | 7. Phil & Marge Sutton 2636          |
| 3. Tim & Frieda Howell 5193        | 8. Roger, Cheryl & Eric Goodman 2569 |
| 4. Sid & Denise Pendencygraft 4417 | 9. Larry Morlock 2002                |
| 5. John & Charlotte Prohaska 3125  | 10. Tim & Suzanne Diehn 1999         |

***As a reminder, you need to fill out a form to register your car in this program if you have not already done so. If anyone wants to register, see Larry Morlock***



## Fashions of 1920s & 1930s



### Work Clothing for Men in the Model "A" Era.

Men's working class clothing in the 1920s utilized a variety of durable clothing, designed to withstand the elements while being practical with a loose fit and ample pockets. Every occupation and employee rank had different requirements for the job adding variety at the job site. Since men worked long hours for mostly low pay the clothes he wore to work became his after work and weekend clothes too (except Sunday Church clothing.) Many upper-class men began to wear working class clothing for sport and leisure (ie casual outfits) when they discovered how comfortable they were. (From Vintage Dancer)



## YOUTH Department



Emily Ellway, Youth Coordinator

### Jr MARC: Keeping the Model A Hobby Rolling Forward

**Jr MARC** is dedicated to introducing the Model A Ford hobby to a new and younger generation of enthusiasts. As part of the **Model A Restorers Club (MARC)**, Jr MARC helps ensure that the passion, knowledge, and traditions of the Model A community continue well into the future.

Since MARC was created in 1952, it has provided a welcoming forum for people of all ages and experience levels who share a love for Model A Fords. Jr MARC builds on that strong foundation by engaging youth through education and assistance programs designed to spark interest and encourage hands-on involvement in the hobby.

By connecting younger members with experienced mentors and meaningful learning opportunities, Jr MARC works to keep both the club and the Model A hobby active, vibrant, and thriving for the next 50 years and beyond. Together, we are preserving one of the finest automobiles the world has ever seen—by passing it on to the next generation.

**For more information Contact Emily Ellway at [Youthjcoordinator@model-a-ford.org](mailto:Youthjcoordinator@model-a-ford.org)**

# The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

## THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

April 2026

**M**ember and other visits to MARC's new website, Facebook group and Instagram page continue to climb and our new social media strategy continues to attract new MARC members. Our membership continues to grow again this year! Please take a look at our new website if you haven't already, at [www.modelarestorersclub.org](http://www.modelarestorersclub.org) and follow our Facebook group: The Model "A" Restorers Club. You will enjoy seeing our daily humorous postings, special merchandise offers and see other interesting information and questions about our Model A's.

**A**re you aware that MARC is still offering FREE 12 month memberships to members of your Region (digital MAN) who have not been MARC members previously? Why not sign everyone up for a FREE test drive of MARC membership? This membership includes MARC liability insurance while attending a MARC sponsored event, ability to attend MARC National events, ability to access the members section of our website where we provide access to all Model A videos currently on the internet, AI content, access to classified ads, ability to ask technical questions directly to MARC's technical expert Larry Shepard and much more.

**R**egions, we continue to look for Regions willing to host Membership Meets, Tours and National Meets in your area. Don't miss out on the potential to attract new members and add to your treasury. MARC experts are willing to provide you all the guidance you need to hold an event. Contact MARC Vice President Joe Valentine if you are interested at [old182A@yahoo.com](mailto:old182A@yahoo.com).

**C**ertainly you've registered for either the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes combined Membership Meet/ National Tour in May or the French Lick National Meet in July? Hopefully both! There are still a few registrations available for the Finger Lakes. Did you know that you can now register for the French Lick National Meet directly through the MARC website? It's easy to do and you won't have to worry about lost checks in the mail! Give it a try if you haven't registered already.





## **FORD MODEL "A" MECHANICAL TIPS**

### **How to Deal with Oil Leaks**

**Information gleaned from various sources**



Oil leaks are a common frustration for Model A owners, often caused by small details overlooked during engine work. Prevention is far easier than repair. When building or servicing an engine, ensure the rear main cap fits perfectly flat against the block, the oil slinger housing is flush, and the oil return tube and galley plug are correctly installed to prevent crankcase pressure from forcing oil out. Rear main shims should fit closely to the crank, oil grooves must be correctly cut, and bearing clearance should be checked carefully.

During assembly, small amounts of RTV can help seal bearing caps, bolt threads, and other fasteners that may allow oil to escape. Pay special attention to areas where bolts protrude into the block, the flywheel housing gasket, and the oil pan and cam cover joints. A smooth, undamaged crank pulley and flat gaskets are essential for preventing front seal leaks.

If a leak appears, proper diagnosis is critical. Clean the engine and observe where oil first appears. Many leaks mistaken for rear main problems originate from the oil pan, timing cover, valve cover, or oil lines. Oil dripping from the flywheel housing cotter pin usually indicates a rear main issue, often related to crankcase pressure, poor cap fit, missing galley plugs, or restricted oil return. Careful inspection and correct assembly practices will keep oil inside the engine—and off the garage floor.

One common cause of oil leaks is bearing wear. During the first 5,000 miles of operation, both the rod and main bearings often loosen



enough that they should be readjusted to the correct oil clearance. If this service is performed at that time, many future engine noises and problems can be avoided.

When the rear main cap is removed, take out the oil drain tube, even if it has been brazed or welded in place. This is necessary to ensure there is no blockage in the drain passage. Check that the passage is clear by blowing through the tube in the direction of oil flow. Also verify how far the drain tube extends into the intersecting passage. If it protrudes too far, grind or file it back enough to allow unobstructed oil flow. If the threads do not allow the pipe to fit tightly, it should be brazed in place so it cannot loosen or fall out.

Do not cut main bearing shims into a "U" shape to fit around the bolt, a practice sometimes used to simplify installation without fully removing the cap. This creates an open path for oil to travel along the bolt, which can cause leaks at the bolt head or nut. Using proper gaskets and carefully reassembling the engine should result in a leak-free system

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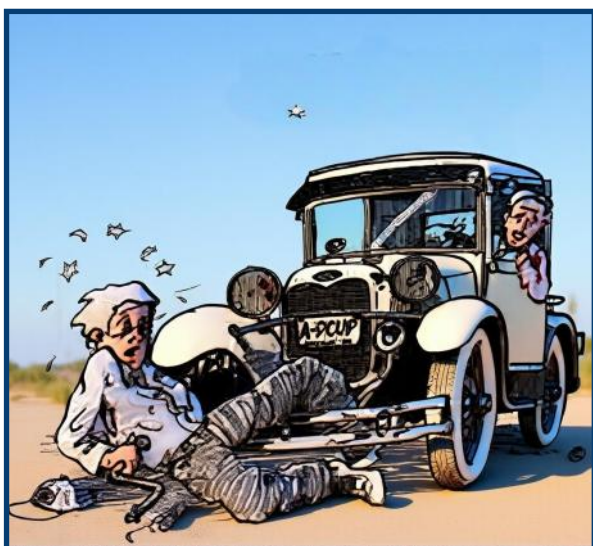
**FOR SALE: 1929 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan:** This car runs and drives great. It is Bonnie Gray and Chelsea Blue. Very nice restoration. LaBaron Bonney interior. Good Tires. *Located in Trempealeau, Wisconsin. (North of La Crosse) Asking \$15,900. Call Jim Accola at 608-534-6252*



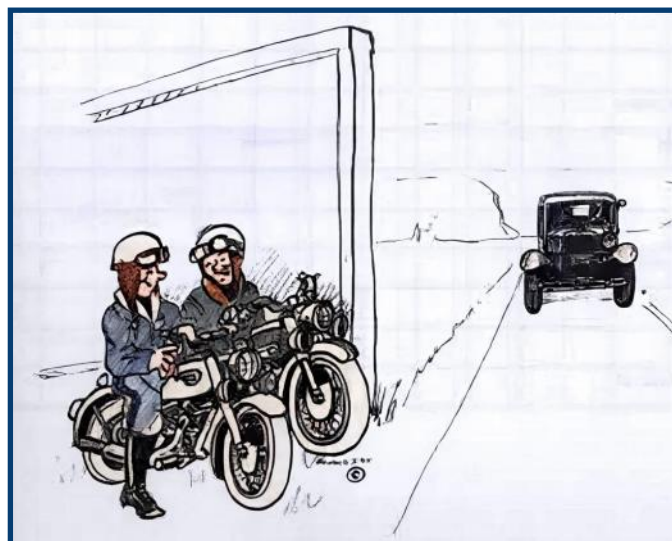
**FRENCH LICK IN.**  
**"HISTORIC HOOSIER HOSPITALITY"**  
**The MARC National Meet**  
**July 12-16, 2026**

The banner features two logos. On the left is the 'Hoosier Hills Doped & Turbo Club' logo, which includes a small car icon. On the right is the 'Columbus Indiana Model A Club' logo, which includes a small car icon. The background of the banner is a faded image of a building.

## "A-Toons" by Stan Blinko



*Ya didn't bend the crank did you?*



*"Hey- Here's your chance to put your foot on a running board. "*

*"95th Anniversary of the 1931 Ford "*



## **GOING PLACES**

3965 Fenwick Lane  
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## **APRIL PHOTO OF THE MONTH**



Several participants in the March 14th Tour to Muncie gather in the lobby of the Minnetrista Cultural Center after touring the collections commemorating the contributions of the Ball family to the surrounding community.