



GOING PLACES



Columbus, Indiana



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March 2024 Edition

Upcoming Events

March 9—Fanimation Museum, Zionsville, IN (Howell)

March 14—Membership Meeting - El Nopal 5:30
Dinner, 6:30 meeting

April 11—Membership Meeting - El Nopal

April 28—Swap Meet at Bartholomew County 4-H fair grounds (Prohaska)



Ford sawmills created heaps of wood wastes. Some produced steam for factory operations. The rest was carbonized and compressed into charcoal. Workers mixed charred hardwood chips with starch, forming nearly 100 tons of briquettes each day. Dealers sold bags in Ford dealerships. In 1951, an investment group renamed it Kingsford Charcoal in honor of E.G. Kingsford, a Henry Ford cousin-in-law who acquired vast acres of timberland in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for Henry.

From the Henry Ford

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

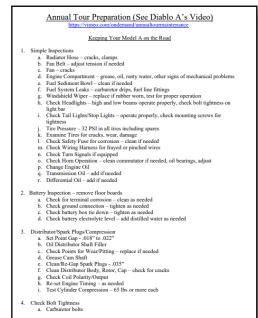
As we get ready for the touring season to celebrate our 60th, now is the time to get your car ready for the nearly 4,000 miles of touring we plan every year. This [link to a MAFCA checklist](#) is a good one to reference. In addition to the usual greasing, oiling, timing, washing, etc., please pay particular attention to braking. We are planning on going to Asheville, NC which will include some hilly terrain. If you are still running steel brake drums, consider upgrading to cast iron. Most steel drums have been turned and are close to the maximum oversize of 11.050". The steel rings that folks suggest should not be relied upon to go beyond the limits. Yes, cast iron is expensive, but your future self will thank you for making the investment!

Speaking of safety, if you have questions or want someone to have a look at your car, Rob Kirkpatrick has been busy planning a Safety Day set to take place on April 13th. This is intended to let knowledgeable folks look at your car and make suggestions. While simple/easy repairs can be made at the event, its really intended to provide advice with you then making arrangements to have the issue corrected. So take advantage of this if you need to.

And lets not forget our Citizen Band radios! How many tours have you been on where you can't hear the leader! You need an external antennae that has been 'tuned' to your car shape and antennae placement. Simply mounting an antennae and thinking all is well will end up in a crackling disappointment during a tour. Seek out a CB shop like Deputy Electronics in Seymour or N&L Distributors CB Shop on Keystone Ave or Pro-Found CB Shop in Whiteland (inside the Flying J).

See you Going Places!

-Tim



Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, February 8, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Diehn at 6:30PM

47 Members and one guest were present: Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick, Larry Morlock, Jack & Linda Sullivan, Katy & Ronnie Lawson, Chet & Sandy Pietras, Don Wessler, Tim Diehn, Sid & Denise Pendencygraft, Phil Sutton, Dennis & Kathy Meyer, Tim & Frieda Howell, Dianne & Larry Purcell, John Prohaska, Randy Hughey, Ron & Carmen Huddleston, Larry & Carol Pumphrey, Don & Ellen McGlothlin, Maurice Ketchum, Justin Cleghorn, Dan Young, Jerry Curbox, Mike & Cindy Baker, Tadd & Tressa Burbrink, Nora & Roger Dean, Randy & Angia Watts, John Badger, Steve Butler, Nate West, new members Mike Wright from Seymour, Dave Engle from Indianapolis with a '31 Fordor, David & Kelli Brooks with a '31 Deluxe Coupe from Plainfield, and Mike Mattingly (Guest from the Anderson Club).

Minutes from the November meeting were approved with one correction: Cathy Dininger had knee replacement surgery and it DID go VERY well! (with apologies from Rob for the mistake).

Two As were spotted shining in the parking lot.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance		\$	3,129.28
Income			
2023 Swap meet rent	50.00		
50 50	53.00		
Dues	150.00		
		\$	253.00
Expenses			
Newsletter	22.19		
		\$	22.19
Ending Balance		\$	3,360.09

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns were shared.

Jim Hollis had open heart surgery and is doing very well and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Ed Dathe had cancer surgery today on his cheek and is doing well although the pain anesthesia is starting to wear off so we're feeling his pain.

Phil shared another great Kathryn Sullivan Memorial Joke.

TOURING IDEAS for the 2024 Season: Please share yours with Phil or Tim.

John Prohaska reported that all indoor spaces for the April 28 Swap Meet are sold. Several outdoor spaces remain available. There is a Club table inside, and if a member would like to have an inside space AND be responsible for Club materials, that could be arranged; talk to John.

John also reported on the status of the MARC membership meeting we are hosting in Nashville in 2025. He has a contract with The Seasons Lodge in Nashville, and we are waiting for confirmation from MARC before signing it. Discussions continue with the Brown County Inn.

Larry provided an update on 60th Anniversary plans. This is exciting stuff!

Day Trips in Indiana to locations on a 30 & 60 mile radius of Columbus – *Various Tour Masters*

Issue cards at each location that eventually make sense at the end of the tour. - *Linda*

Create a coffee mug and T-Shirts with a new 60th Anniversary logo. – *John Prohaska*

Assemble all the Model A's in the club for a group photo. – *Rob/Larry*

Update our 50th Anniversary book with pictures of new members – *Tim Diehn*

Dedicate our new version of the Model A sculpture – *Tim Diehn*

John shared designs for the 60th Anniversary shirts. They look great! Kathy Meyer started a lobbying campaign for a sleeveless option for women, and she is gaining support from all quarters.

Rob reported on two projects.

The April 13th Safety Check Day committee will meet on 2/21. If you have suggestions, please share them

The Route 66 Tour committee will meet on 3/7. The planned dates for the trip are 8/24 – 9/14

The 50/50 was won by Justin Cleghorn - \$51!

Other items, donated by Ed Dathe, included a Tiffany style Ford lamp (Larry Pumphrey), combo lug wrench (Tadd Burbrink), and a speed wrench (Dave Engle)

John Badger brought a nice book on Ford history to pass among members of the club

Speaker

Nate West of Zeller Insurance gave an informative presentation on insurance for antique and classic automobiles. A couple of key takeaways:

Stated Value – be clear about this in your policy.

Coverage for irregular errands is generally OK, just as long as you're not using your car as your primary driver, to work, etc, and have another car for those purposes.

Match your coverage with that of your standard car liability coverage to avoid complications.

Spare parts are generally covered within limits.

Note: Larry Purcell has a friend with 3 As, including an AA truck, he wants to sell. Bert: 317-636-3187

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Respectfully submitted, Rob Kirkpatrick



Mar 9 Fanimation Museum, Zionsville, IN (Howell)

Tim Howell has planned for a WONDERFUL Tour to the [Fanimation Museum](#). It will blow you away! This will be a modern car tour for many because of potential (windy) weather conditions. If you have never seen this place, you will be a huge fan afterwards. Arrive at 10983 Bennett Parkway, Zionsville, IN 46077 at 10:30 AM sharp or be left in the doldrums.



Our fantastic tour guide will be Ken Frank. They are not open on Saturdays normally, but they are making an exception for us because of the size of our group. It is 64 miles from Columbus. Afterwards, lunch will be at the Friendly Tavern, 290 S. Main St, Zionsville. Please let Tim Howell (317-767-1135) know if you will be joining so he expects you!!

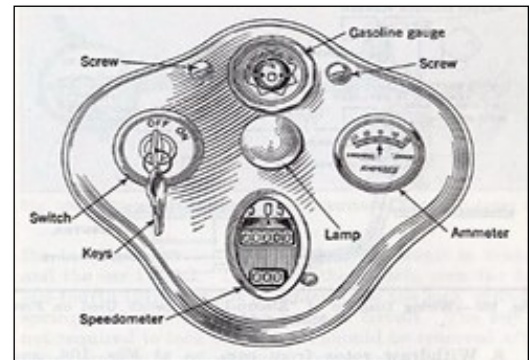


MILEAGE AWARDS

The 2023 year-end odometer readings for our club have been submitted to the national chairman of the MARC Mileage Program. We should be getting the awards soon to pass out at one of our future membership meetings.

Here's the miles driven for the top driving families for 2023 (some are multiple cars):

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| 1. Jack & Linda Sullivan | 9,776 |
| 2. Ronnie & Denise Pandygraft | 5,585 |
| 3. Dennis & Kathy Meyer | 4,562 |
| 4. Tim & Frieda Howell | 4,057 |
| 5. Roger, Cherryl & Eric Goodman | 3,488 |
| 6. Randy Hughey | 3,040 |
| 7. Ed & Mary Dathe | 2,490 |
| 8. John & Charlotte Prohaska | 2,366 |
| 9. Phil & Marge Sutton | 2,066 |
| 10. Larry Morlock | 1,899 |



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.



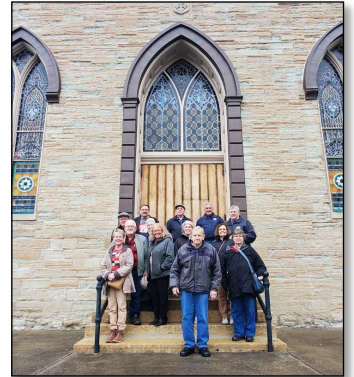
In the Rear View Mirror

Winter Outing to Madison—January 27

Submitted by Tim Howell

Jerry and Deanna Glunt arranged two tours on Saturday morning.

First, St. Michaels church was a fascinating story about the history of this very early Catholic church that is now being restored and owned by Historic Madison.



The second visitation informed us about the life of a pioneer physician Dr. William Hutchings. We toured his home and office.

Also on Saturday morning, a few drove to the Madison airport to help get Dave Evanczyk's Model A started. Turns out it was out of gas! Once started, he drove it home to Utica for safe storage.

We all had an enjoyable Winter break with good friends, sharing stories and jokes and delicious meals. In attendance was Randy Hughey and his friend Phyllis, Larry and JoAnn Wilcroun, Larry Morlock, Larry and Carole Pumphrey, Dave and Wilma Evanczyk, Ron Lawson and Katie, Tim and Frieda Howell, Don and Gayle Young, and Dennis and Kathy Meyer all attended.



Have You Wondered...

...about your MARC ID? MARC implemented a new digital magazine system which caused them to create new Subscriber IDs. So which number do you use? I asked and below is their reply.

The subscriber ID is the number that must be used if a member wants to sign on to view a digital copy of the magazine, renew their membership online or just see how many issues they have remaining in their current membership year. It can be used on written or verbal communication with the office as well.

The MARC ID is good for written or verbal communication with the MARC office. It will not work online. Anyone who joined after May 3, 2023 has only the subscriber ID number. In the office we are happy to use either number. They are linked in the software so both work when communicating with us. We have preserved all the membership years/year joined information associated with each account so the only change really is having two numbers and being able to sign on your own account if you choose.



60th Anniversary

Model A Ford Swap Meet

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

**4-H FAIRGROUNDS, COLUMBUS, INDIANA
750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201
8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

(OPEN FOR UNLOADING AND SET-UP AT 6:00 A.M.)

CAR PARTS, COLLECTIBLES, NEW PARTS VENDORS,
MODEL "A" CAR DISPLAY

ADMISSION - \$5

SPACES AVAILABLE

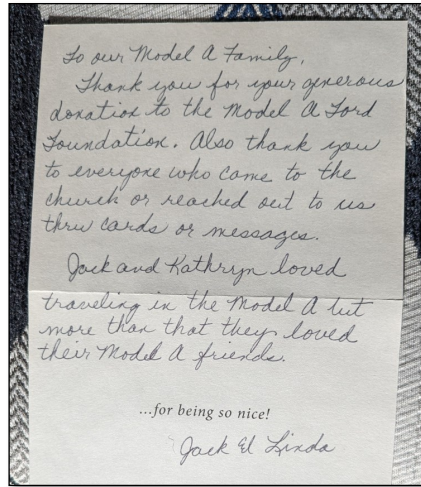
- 10X10 INSIDE SPACE - \$10
- TABLE RENTAL - \$2 EACH
- "FOR SALE" CARS,
\$6 PER SPACE, OUTSIDE

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

FOR FURTHER
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A Thank You to the Club...



Oldie but a Goodie!

You probably have seen this a dozen times already (heck it has nearly 7.7M views!!) but what's one more time! I never get tired of see a Model A engine get machined with proper equipment. This is from the Hagerty Redline Rebuild series. Feel free to rewatch all 8 minutes, but the cool stuff happens at about 2:30 to 4:30. This is at Ron's Machine Shop in Shandon, OH near Cincinnati.



Ford Model A 4-cylinder engine rebuild time-lapse

MAFFI Minute

The Gilmore Auto Museum, the site of the Model A Museum, is open year around and at this time of year the museum has Sunday afternoon lectures at 2p.m. The website has a complete listing, but one that I found enticing is on February 4, "How to Buy and Sell Collector Cars".



However, if a trip to Hickory Corners, Michigan isn't in your January/February travel plans, you can still indulge in Model A hobby fun by visiting or re-visiting the maffi.org website. The website has 4 live streaming cameras to view the museum from your armchair. And, if you click the Media button, you can hear the audio recordings of original records developed in the Model A Era for salesmen's use in training and customer sales. They're fun to listen to!

If you're more of a visual person, there's a MAFFI You Tube site, also accessible from the website as well as Paul Shinn, the Model A Guy's You Tube site, accessible from the website.

And let's not forget the upcoming Valentine's Day. You do have a Model A that is your sweetheart don't you? Why not honor her (or him) with her/his picture at the Model A museum next to your name by getting involved in the "My A" program. It features a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing your vehicle, your name, your home area, and your vehicle body style. Details can be found under "expansion" on the maffi.org website.

And, as a bit of fun trivia let me leave you with this tidbit. One hundred and ten years ago, on Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford implemented a \$5 per day wage for his workers. But, workers soon found out they wouldn't immediately get the \$5 per day. Workers still made \$2.30 and were given a \$2.70 bonus if they followed all of the company's requirements. Here's how workers would be eligible:

- abstain from alcohol
- not physically abusive toward their families
- not take in boarders
- keep homes clean
- contribute to a savings account

(from www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/henry-ford-implements-5-per-day-wage-this-day-in-history/).

A few of those requirements wouldn't be a bad deal today to require, would they!! Happy Valentine's Day Model A Hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary

Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Trustee

Get Into the Diamond Jubilee Spirit!

Show off your Club pride by wearing it!

2024 Model A Club Shirts



TOURING TOGETHER SINCE 1964!

PLEASE TURN ORDERS IN TO JOHN PROHASKA

Email Your Order to prohaska1069@yahoo.com or bring to the March Membership Meeting

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



DARK GREY SHORT SLEEVE TEE

\$15


YOUTH SIZES			ADULT SIZES					
Y-S	Y-M	Y-L	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL



DARK GREY LONG SLEEVE TEE

\$18


YOUTH SIZES			ADULT SIZES					
Y-S	Y-M	Y-L	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL



DARK GREY HOODIE

\$30

YOUTH SIZES			ADULT SIZES					
Y-S	Y-M	Y-L	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
N/A								



DARK GREY CREW NECK SWEAT SHIRT

\$25

YOUTH SIZES			ADULT SIZES					
Y-S	Y-M	Y-L	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
N/A								

SMALL PRINT ON FRONT OF SHIRT OVER HEART.
 LARGE PRINT ON BACK.
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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.

Classifieds

For Sale

Two 1931 Model A Tudors plus parts

Dennis Meyer is selling as a lot:

- Wrecked '31 Tudor, but plenty of useful parts
- '31 Tudor parts car (pictures below), late model with indented firewall. No engine, no interior. Has Title. Great starter for full restoration.
- 4 speed F-150 transmission from bell housing to rear end including brakes and cast iron drums, modified brake cross shaft and modified parking brake linkage and mount.
- Antique Engine Rebuilders (from Skokie, IL) engine
- 5 slightly used radial tires
- Stainless steel muffler
- \$12,000 takes it all

Call Dennis Meyer 317-727-5098



Did you read this newsletter? The 5th person to call the newsletter editor will receive a \$5 Indiana scratch-off at the March Membership Meeting!



