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COLUMBUS, INDIANA

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2025 Winner



The Fall Touring Season Begins
Three touring activities planned for October
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From the Editor...



John Emmering

Dear Readers:

Welcome to our first Going Places of the Fall 2026 season. After the exceptionally hot summer we have a respite from the heat and some cooler Autumn weather to look forward to which is great for Model A Touring.

This month we cover some of the September happenings. You may notice we experimented with some AI illustrations and page layouts this issue. Hope it adds to your reading experience.

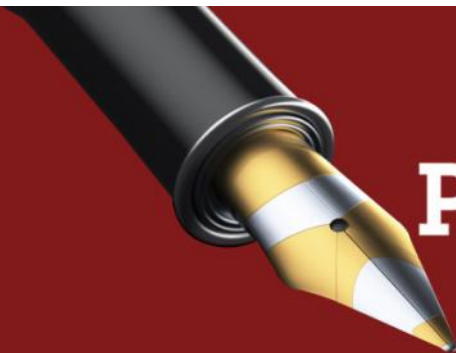
I trust many of you will take advantage of this month's touring activities. See you at our October meeting.

Best Regards,

John

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 8	Membership Meeting El Nopal Restaurant
Oct. 17	Day Trip to Elwood, IN Frankenstein Play
Oct. 19-23	Annual Fall Trip - Northern IN Tour
Oct. 31	Fall Colors Tour



A Message from the
PRESIDENT

A Word From Tim Diehn



Hello Membership:

It was wonderful seeing everyone at El Nopal back on September 10th as we kicked off our monthly membership meetings again. That return is also a clear reminder that our touring season is winding down. October is typically our last full month of driving before the unpredictable weather—cold, rain, and snow—starts setting in. Be sure to get out and take full advantage of October's scheduled tours!

We had a fantastic discussion regarding how best to steward the funds generated from the past two MARC meets we hosted. I truly appreciate everyone's expanded thinking, particularly the ideas around supporting the next generation. Engaging local high school/tech school vocational programs—whether focused on classics or modern automotive trades—is an exciting direction. I'm also glad we reached a general consensus that we don't have to limit ourselves to a single initiative; we can distribute these funds thoughtfully over several efforts. Please keep those ideas coming! While we don't need to rush, we do want to ensure this money creates a meaningful benefit for our community in a timely manner.

Finally, looking ahead to November, we will hold our election for the 2027 Club Officers. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to me directly. New ideas keep our club fresh, vibrant, and engaging, and serving as an officer or director puts you right in the driver's seat to bring those ideas to life.

Even if a formal board position isn't for you, we are always looking for members willing to share their unique professional talents. Whether you have experience in accounting, web design, legal work, or other specialized skills, there is a place where your expertise can help our club thrive. Let me know if you'd like to lend a hand.

See you going places!

Tim Diehn

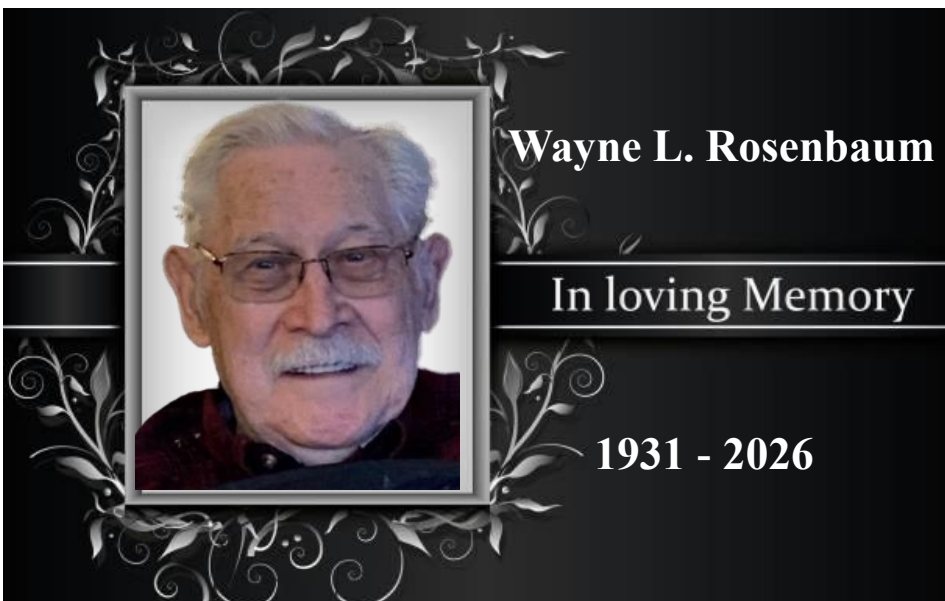
Going Places is the official publication of the Columbus Model "A" Restorers Club Region and the Columbus Model "A" Ford Club of America Chapter. The general purpose shall be to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicle, model years 1928 through 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

- 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. (Howell)* Please contact Tim Howell soon at: (317-767-1135) if you plan to attend so he can make reservations.
- Oct. 19-23** **Annual Fall Trip- Northern Indiana Tour:** The Tour will feature stays at Lafayette, LaPorte, Nappanee and the Bluffton areas (Howell, Sutton)
- Oct. 30** **Fall Colors Tour. (Sullivan).** Note change of date to a Friday.
- 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.*



We were sorry to hear that our member Wayne Rosenbaum had passed away on September 23.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn. Wayne & Marilyn had been very active in the club earlier and had traveled through 40 states in their Ford Model A. Services were held at Liberty Christian Church in Martinsville on September 26th.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.



THE *running* BOARD REPORT



Tom Hovetter, President

John Prohaska, Director of Regions

October 2026

Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards, Rev 5 have been shipped from the printer and are now available for purchase!! Developed over five years by the Judging Standards Committees, this 590-page volume features expert-verified details, extensive color images, and authoritative research drawn directly from the Ford Archive. With a new and improved binder, the pages are easier to access and use. Please order online to pay by credit card or PayPal at www.modelarestorersclub.org or call 734-427-9050.

Another National Tour in May and Meet in July are complete. Your board would like to encourage your local Region to host a national meet or tour in the coming years. This is not something you have to have experience doing, your board is willing to help you with guidance and experience. Remember you can team up with another Region to co-host as was the most recent National Meet in French Lick, IN.

Remember to 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.

Can you believe that Fall Months are upon us. As we plan for the Holidays and the coming year, make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming National Tour in Galena, IL, May 17-20 and National Meet in Tulsa, OK, July 11-16. Both destinations will be a first for hosting our club and the hosts are planning a great time for all! More details will be coming in the Model A News in coming issues.

Model A Days 2026

Highlighted Speedsters

The expanded Model A Foundation Museum on the Gilmore Campus in Hickory Grove, Michigan provided an important backdrop for the **12th Annual Model A Days** on September 18–19, 2026. This year our members Dennis Meyer, Tim Howell & Jim Dininger participated in the event.

The Gilmore Car Museum described the event as a celebration of the Model A's heritage, with hundreds of Model A's gathering on the historic campus. Visitors could participate in or observe a wide range of activities, including a two-day swap meet, car corral, technical and fashion seminars, live music and other special programs.

The annual event always highlights a particular body style and this year custom-built, stripped-down, performance-oriented Ford Model A Speedsters were the featured cars. This variety of Model A Fords were produced by early hot rodders, and racers who modified original Model A chassis into lightweight, sporty open-wheel vehicles. There were several interesting examples of Model A Speedsters displayed.

One of the attractions for 2026 was an entirely different kind of Auto-related nostalgia: replicas of characters from Pixar's *Cars* franchise. The display offered a connection between the automobiles of the past and the way classic cars have become part of popular culture for a new generation.

For Model A owners, however, the heart of the weekend remained the cars themselves. Rows of Model A's representing the wide variety of body styles and configurations produced between 1928 and 1931 provided an opportunity for enthusiasts to compare restorations, original examples, accessories and mechanical details.

The swap meet offered another essential ingredient of the hobby: the opportunity to locate the parts, literature and memorabilia needed to restore and maintain these increasingly historic automobiles.

The weekend included some interesting seminars and of course the traditional "first stat-up" competition. Instruction in **double-clutching** was offered for beginners or to those grown accustomed to a modern synchronized transmission. Paul Shinn gave instruction. Learning to shift a Model A properly provided a direct connection with the mechanical realities of the period.

Despite the rain on Saturday it was a great event. If you have never experienced Model A Days consider attending in the future.





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SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026
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A Model "A" Motoring Adventure: Cruising to Ford's Garage in Noblesville

Fall is a great season for touring and our first fall tour of 2026 took us 65 miles north to Noblesville where we enjoyed lunch at a restaurant which seemed to be a virtual shrine to the Model A Ford, Ford's Garage. As an official licensee of the Ford Motor Company, they pay tribute to America's most iconic automobile brand.

At 8:45 am Tour Leader John Emmering, Tonya and Tom McLoed, Blake Hudman and grandson Jack, Dennis Meyer along with his friend Billy Tincer pulled their respective Model A Fords into Eastbrook Plaza anticipating an enjoyable tour.

The group departed on schedule at 9:00 down 25th Street heading for Highway 9. Ronnie Lawson joined the group in his 1929 Model A as the group entered Hwy 9. Further up in Fountaintown Scott King joined the convoy marking his first tour with our club.

Tim's Howell's home in Greenfield was the first stop where Tim and Freida along with Jerry and Sharon Curbox, Larry and Carol Pumphrey and Randy Huey joined the group in their vintage Model A's.

Since this was home ground for Tim Howell, he took the lead guiding us through the back roads to the Ham-

ilton Town Center which is the home of the Noblesville Ford's Garage. The most unique arrival was Ron and Carmen Huddleston who flew in on their private plane

Upon arrival some members were able to park their Model A's right up near the entrance to the restaurant where they made an interesting display adding to the eatery's Model A theme.

The restaurant had prepared a nice table for our group smack under a 1929 Model A Tudor suspended above. Everyone enjoyed the ambiance of the restaurant's Model A Ford theme. There were Model A wheels, old fashion gasoline pumps and even a Model A instrument panel on the wall. The sound of Spartan "ooga" horn could also be heard intermittently.

Orders went in and everyone enjoyed taking in their interesting surrounding. Pictures of Henry Ford adorned the walls and some of his "wisdom sayings" were displayed. When food was served members enjoyed their selections amid conversation with fellow members. All involved were glad that we finally made it to Ford's garage after desiring such a tour for the last couple years.



Group gathers at Eastbrook Plaza



Ron & Carmen Huddleston arrive by plane





YOUTH Department

By Deglan Cunningham
Youth Correspondent



Welcome to another Youth Report and update about my 1930 Model A pickup project. Since my last update I have received my top from Brookville Roadster. It still needs to be upholstered but progress is progress. The gas tank has finally been fully sand blasted. With that done now I can prime the tank to keep it from rusting out further. My next step is to continue prepping the tank to be filled with gas. That means I need to clean the inside of the tank out in case there is any media from my sand blaster left in it, then use tank sealant to make sure the rust will not come through the inside. Once the tank has been sealed, I can go for my first startup of the project my grandfather began and my dad and I continue.

I was able to attend the Columbus Hot Rods and Rock and Roll Car Show. While I brought both my VW Beetle and my 1930 Model A Tudor, it was interesting to see the difference in attention both cars got. Both cars got attention from many groups of people. The Beetle brought more kids over and folks that had stories of having them back in the day. While the Tudor had more people that were middle aged and looking into new projects or a hobby to start. The cars were both talked about a lot and enjoyed by everyone that walked by.

Deglan



Deglan's Roadster Pickup Project



Deglan's Tudor at the Columbus Car Show



FORD MODEL "A" ***TECHNICAL TIPS***



Model A Maintenance Checklist



- ◇ __ Complete chassis lube job (never grease rear wheel bearing more than one "pump" per year)
- ◇ __ Change engine oil
- ◇ __ Top off lube in
- ◇ __ transmission
- ◇ __ overdrive (if applicable)
- ◇ __ rear end
- ◇ __ steering gear
- ◇ __ shock absorbers
- ◇ __ Fill battery, inspect and clean terminals
- ◇ __ Check radiator and top up with water or antifreeze as needed.
- ◇ __ Check radiator hoses for soft spots and leaks
- ◇ __ Check all tires for excess wear or sidewall cracks,
- ◇ __ Check air pressure (35 psi)
- ◇ __ Adjust fan belt (it must NOT be tight)
- ◇ __ Check for cracks in the belt or other deterioration
- ◇ __ Check fan for tightness, cracks in the blades, and
- ◇ __ Grease water pump.
- ◇ __ Check packing nut for packing, leaks and tightness
- ◇ __ Pack front wheel bearings
- ◇ __ Inspect inner races and bearings for cracks or pitting
- ◇ __ Tighten nut for proper bearing load
- ◇ __ Recheck bearing tightness after short test drive
- ◇ __ Inspect wheel for wobble or damaged lug holes
- ◇ __ Check tightness of wheel lugs
- ◇ __ Check wheel for any looseness in the steering or lugs by putting the car on a jack and trying to move the wheel top-to-bottom and side-to-side
- ◇ __ Check for looseness in the wishbone mount
- ◇ __ Top off gear lube in the steering box
- ◇ __ Adjust steering if loose or too much free play
- ◇ __ Set point gap and timing
- ◇ __ Oil distributor bottom bearing - if top bearing is oiled, be sure to remove any excess oil
- ◇ __ Lube cam/point wiper
- ◇ __ Remove, clean and reset gap on sparkplugs
- ◇ __ Oil generator bearings, front and back
- ◇ __ Check amp output. If necessary, set to less than 10 amps for long trips
- ◇ __ Adjust brakes - all four wheels should slide if necessary!
- ◇ __ Check entire car for loose parts, nuts, bolts, etc.
- ◇ __ Check for missing cotter pins
- ◇ __ Check wind wings or wind deflectors for loose hardware
- ◇ __ Ensure starter rod lock nut is secure
- ◇ __ Check for any excess fluid leaks
- ◇ __ Check lights, including brake light, and horn for operation
- ◇ __ Check wiring for worn places - on 29's, check wire in loom tube on side of engine for wear
- ◇ __ Check that the loom below the fan is secure to bottom of radiator
- ◇ __ Check that the gas cap vent is open



Meeting Minutes



Rob Kirkpatrick,
Secretary

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2026

President Tim Diehn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

36 members were present: Brian Acton, Thomas Bruce, Jerry and Sharon Curbox, Ed and Mary Dathe, Roger Dean, Tim and Suzanne Diehn, Christian Easton, John Emmering, Dave Engle, Jerry and Deanna Glunt, Rex Hinkle, Ron and Carmen Huddleston, Blake Hudman, Scott King, Bob Kinser, Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick, Ronnie Lawson, Mike and Bev Marsh, Bryan Mattison, Tonya & Tom McLeod, Dennis Meyer, Larry and Mary Morgan, Larry Morlock, Mike Slay, Phil Sutton, Dan & Connie Young.

Treasurer's Report

August Minutes Were accepted with the correction that Tim Howell, not Dennis Meyer, was leading the planned overnight trip at the end of the month. Also, elections will be at the November meeting, not December.

New Members Tim introduced four new members to the club! Welcome Brian Acton, Larry & Mary Morgan and Mike Slay

Cares & Concerns

- Larry Purcell has been in a nursing home, but going home soon.
- Ronnie Lawson gave a big thanks to all for support and friendship during his loss of his beloved Katy
- Scott King had back surgery and a rough recovery (but made it to the meeting!)

Starting Balance **15,251.31**

Income

Dues	10.00
1/2 Picnic Chicken from Hoosier Hills	102.00

+ \$ **112.00**

Expenses

MAFFI Annual Dues	200.00
Newsletters	86.63
2nd Shelter Rent	36.00
Chicken & Drink for picnic	250.00
Milan '54 Museum	50.00
Picnic Supplies	61.43
2027 Shelter Rent	92.00

- \$ **776.06**

Ending Balance **\$14,587.25**

Touring Notes

- Dennis Meyer and Tim Howell will have a booth at the Model A Days at the Gilmore
- Ford's Garage in Noblesville on the 26 th . Leave Eastbrook at 9:00 – meet by 8:45
- Tim Howell will lead a group to Duck Creek in Elwood, IN on October 17 th to see the play "Frankenstein". Call or text Tim on 317-326-1515.
- 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 Museum in Crawfordsville.
- Rex Hinkle invited members to attend the Cook Medical Car Show on September 23 in
- Bloomington, 750 Daniels Way, at 7:30 PM. (psst – cookies!)

MARC National Meet

- Pres. Tim reviewed proceeds from the '25 National Membership Meeting and '26 Annual Meet and is looking for suggestions. We have about \$20k to plan. He presented and we agreed on rules (see article). Additional ideas offered included a picture directory (Jerry Curbox) and donation of a car to a school program to restore, then sell and use the proceeds to repeat. The Central 9 in Greenwood and the Ivy Tech auto program were suggested as examples (Tom Bruce). Rex suggested that we do 2, 3, 4, multiple things rather than just one.

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.

Dennis Meyer won the 50/50 (\$60) and Ed Dathe continued to bless the club with cool donations such as a hub puller won by your humble notetaker.

The meeting adjourned around 8:00 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Rob Kirkpatrick



Saturday October 17 Day trip to Elwood, IN Duck Creek Center Performance of Frankenstein. (Howell) *The group will meet at Tim Howell's home at 1695 E 400 N in Greenfield. Contact Tim Howell at 317-767-1135 if you plan to attend so he can make reservations.*

October 19-23 Annual Fall Trip - This year to Northwest Indiana (Sutton, Howell)

The tour will begin on Monday October 19 with the first stops at the Air Museum in Grissom and the the American Huey Museum. Spend the night in Peru. Tuesday we travel to Nappanee to tour the Coppes Mill Museum and on to the Hochstetler Model A Restoration Shop and spend the night in Nappanee. On Wednesday October 21nd we travel to LaPorte to see Stan Sorell's Model A Collection and Rumely Museum, spending the night in LaPorte. Thursday features a trip to the Tippecanoe Battlefield and Museum in Lafayette and a tour of a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in Samara. Spend the night in West Lafayette. The tour wraps up on Friday with a visit to the Lou Wallace Museum. Call **Phil Sutton at 812-336-8672 if you would like to join the tour by Wednesday October 14th.**

Friday October 30 Fall Colors tour through Brown County. (Sullivan) Meet at Westhill Shopping Center on Jonathon Moore Pike (Rt. 46) at 10:15 am departing at 10:30. Tour will head through wooded areas of rural Brown County with a stop for lunch in Bean Blossom at the Farmhouse Café and Tea Room. After lunch we can check out their plants and pumpkins.

Annual Fall Trip

to **NORTHWEST INDIANA**

MONDAY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19/23

Led by Tim Howell and Phil Sutton.

Oct 19

Monday



Monday we will head up to the Air Museum at Grissom. After we tour the Air Museum we will continue to the American Huey Museum. That night will be spent in Peru.



Oct 20

Tuesday



Tuesday the 20th we will continue to Nappanee touring the Coppes Mill Museum and shops in the morning. In the afternoon we will start with a tour of the Hochstetler Model A restoration shop. They have restored many show cars. After that we will tour the Nappanee Center and stay the night in Nappanee



Oct 21

Wednesday



Wednesday we head to LaPorte to see Stan Sorell's Model A collection, one of the finest in the Midwest. In the afternoon we plan on touring the Rumely Museum and perhaps Sandy Acres spend the night in LaPorte.

Oct 22

Thursday



Thursday we head to Lafayette. In the morning we tour Tippecanoe battlefield and museum. In the afternoon we will try to tour the Wright designed home Samara and time permitting Lafayette sites. That night will be spent in West Lafayette.

Oct 23

Friday

Friday we head home with a stop in Crawfordsville and the Lou Wallace Museum. Anyone heading south to 46 will make a stop at Cataract Falls.



If you plan on going on the tour call Phil at 812-336-8672 by Wednesday October 14th

FORD MODEL A ERA

1929 - 1931

LADIES FASHION

ELEGANCE IN MOTION



1929: THE TRANSITION

Day ensembles returned to a feminine line, featuring lightweight cardigans over multi-tiered ruffle skirts, accented by elegant cloche hats and long gloves.



1930: TAILORED CHIC



1931: MOTORING GLAMOUR

Fashion embraced structured tailoring and crisp bias cuts. The mid-calf hemline and wide-brimmed sun hats were essential for casual day trips and garden gatherings.



TIMELESS STYLE
THE FORD MODEL A



CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE: 1930 Ford Model A Cabriolet

Outstanding restoration with a Mitchell Over-drive. You must see to appreciate the high level of this Cabriolet. It has the top boot in the trunk to match. I have never had the top down. Please look over the pictures and don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions. I am trying to cut back on my car collection. Located in Plymouth, Indiana. **Asking \$23,500.** *Contact Info: Jerry Hollenbaugh, 574-952-4550, Email: myclasic29@gmail.com*

This Month in Ford Model "A" History

On **October 21, 1927**, a new chapter in Ford history began at the Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. The first production **Ford Model A** rolled off the assembly line, marking the long-awaited successor to the legendary Model T.



Just one day earlier, Henry Ford had personally hand-stamped **Serial Number A-1** on the engine. The first completed car was a **two-door Tudor sedan**, finished in **Arabian Sand**—a striking change from the familiar black Model T.

Ford had invested an estimated **\$250 million** in retooling its factories for the new automobile. The Model A represented far more than a new car; it was a complete transformation of Ford's manufacturing operation and a bold step into a new era of automotive design.

Although production began in October, Ford kept the new car under wraps until its spectacular public introduction on **December 2, 1927**. Officially designated a 1928 model, the Model A quickly became one of the most important automobiles of the era.

For Model A enthusiasts today, it all began with that first car—**A-1**—and a new Ford that would soon become an American classic.

"95th Anniversary of the 1931 Ford "



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OCTOBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



There were some extra Model A's lined up in front of Ford's Garage Restaurant in Noblesville on Saturday September 26 beside the two display models as our Columbus Model A Club made a lunch run up to the iconic eatery . Customers enjoyed looking over our cars display prominently in front of the restaurant.

Photo by Dennis Meyer