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May 2024 Edition

Upcoming Events

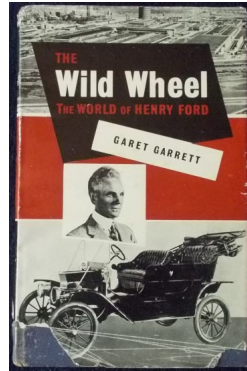
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"The best way to make money in business is not to think too much about making it."

-The Wild Wheel: The World of Henry Ford by Gareth Garrett page 116

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

One of our first events this year was the MARC Membership Meeting in Joliet, Illinois. Three Model A's and nine club members made the relatively short trip towards Chicago. A chilly start on that Thursday with temps in the 30's and a few flakes in the air. But our Model A heaters did the job to keep us warm!

A few highlights of the trip. We continue to have a good presence in the Tour Class Committee with John Prohaska, Larry Morlock and Tim Diehn as members. Pleasing to know that our region contributes in this manner. The Friday Welcome Party was hosted by the Beller Museum. Jordan Beller has amassed an impressive collection of Model A's and '32 Fords plus plenty of parts, period speed upgrades and literature. We had free reign to wander around the collection, thinking about what our next project may be! On Saturday morning a few of us headed to the nearby Joliet Junior College to have our cars put on lifts and inspected. Luckily, nothing serious was found. The General Membership Meeting was on Saturday afternoon where we learned about the continuing decline of membership of MARC. Current membership is about 1/2 of what it was in the heyday. The board continues to look at ways to increase membership as well as reduce expenses. The ask to the regions was to keep promoting our hobby and encourage all regional club members to join the National club; our club is at about 90%. The Meeting concluded on Saturday evening at the Farewell Banquet where John Prohaska won the daily 50/50 drawing!

We had a great day on April 13 with a first-in-a-while safety check. More about that later in the newsletter, but a big Thank You goes out to Dennis and Kathy Meyer and Rob Kirkpatrick for planning and hosting the event. Hope this becomes an annual affair!

Lastly, May will be our last Membership Meeting at El Nopal until September. Recall we take June, July, August off to enjoy the touring season. Hope to see everyone on May 9th to wish you a good summer!
See you Going Places! -Tim

Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, April 11, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Dennis Meyer at 6:30PM

54 Members were present: Rob Kirkpatrick and Debbie, Larry Morlock, Jack & Linda Sullivan, Gary & Linda Hays, Tim Diehn, Ronnie Lawson, Don Wessler, Sid & Denise Pendencyraft, Marge & Phil Sutton, Dennis & Kathy Meyer, Don Workman, Tim Howell, Dianne & Larry Purcell, Randy Hughey, Ron & Carmen Huddleston, Jim & Cathy Dininger, Maurice Ketchum, Jerry & Sharon Curbox, Roger & Nora Dean, Randy & Angia Watts, Deanna & Jerry Glunt, Chet & Sandy Pietras, Tad & Tressa Burbrink, Mike Kemp, Steve Butler, Dave Engle, Chris & Susan Easton, Bryan & Alice Mattison, Bill Nevels, Mike & Cindy Baker, Jay Williamson, Ed & Mary Dathe, John Emmering, Mike Neyer, Bob Kinser.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Lots of As were home under cover tonight.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance		\$ 3,346.45
Income		
2024 Swap meet rent	80.00	
50 50	75.00	
Dues	60.00	
		\$ 215.00
Expenses		
Shelter DNR Rent Change	5.00	
		\$ 5.00
Ending Balance		\$ 3,556.45

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns were shared.

Billy __ passed away. His wife, Marita, has boxes of Model A News issues going back to 1964. If you are interested, you can call her at 765-661-3786.

Linda Sullivan presented the Kathryn Sutton memorial joke this month.

Phil Sutton discussed upcoming tour plans.

The Cobweb Tour is April 27. Columbus area folks will meet at Jay C at 9:00 a.m. and the reward will be pancakes and eggs in Bloomington.

We'll visit the Christel DeHann Estate in Indy on May 10th.

The Hoosier Vintage Wheels Swap Meet & Model A Display is 9-3 in Franklin.

The Big Day is closing in on us! Saturday, April 28th at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds.

A list was passed for Volunteer signups. **Setup starts at 5:00 a.m.**

Remember if you want to order something from Gaslight to bring down and save freight.

Tim Diehn reported on the great time that he and others had at the MARC meeting in Joliet, IL. They did have rain both ways, but still had fun and came back with useful ideas for planning our own meeting next year:

Dates: April 11-13, 2025 (Friday to Sunday, Thursday will be arrival for many)

Mark your calendars for fun AND volunteering to help!

He also reported that MARC membership is down. Our club is at about 90% participation, and all are strongly encouraged to join. Benefits, in addition to supporting the work that benefits us all, include liability insurance when attending a MARC Sanctioned show or meeting, and discounts on Hagerty insurance.

John Prohaska won the final 50/50 drawing

Tim showed an example of planned cards that will be handed out at nine upcoming events which, when completed, will create a fun design on the back side. Card-earning events are in blue on the schedule.

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Membership Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Mark your calendars: Saturday, June 15th, we will take a group picture from the Airport Tower. Please bring your A, and if you have more than one, recruit a driver! This will be a nice part of our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Tim delivered the 60th Anniversary shirts that John had created for us. John will take orders for another round at the May meeting. Kathy Meyer, did you get your sleeveless one?

Dennis provided a reminder and last-minute details for the Safety Day planned in his barn in Franklin.

Notes after the fact: IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. There were 18 Model As there, and a loose count of 29 people. This included several cars from the Bloomington club toward the end. A HUGE thank you to members who applied their knowledge to the task. We are ready to tour!

Rob reported on the Route 66 Tour plans. The committee met on April 1st and is down into the weeks of daily plans. Many people have responded to MARC and MAFCA Facebook posts about the trip.

Larry Morlock presented Mileage Awards. **Milestones** (per car):

Jack & Linda Sullivan – 2,000 on Jack Sr.'s pickup

John Prohaska – 10,000

Dennis & Kathy – 30,000 and Dennis still has the speedometer on the wrecked A

Tim Howell – 30,000

Ed & Mary Dathe – 50,000 on the pickup

Sid & Denise Pendygraft – 80,000 on their Sedan

Phil & Marge Sutton – 125,000!

Jack & Linda Sullivan – 185,000 on their Roadster!!

The 50/50 was won by ~~Roger~~ Nora Dean this month! - \$62

Other items, donated by Ed Dathe, included an ashtray/cigar lighter (Jay Williamson) and a portable air pump (Roger Dean won it and donated it back for a redraw). We want Roger and Nora to buy us all lottery tickets next month.

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

Speaker

For fun, Phil presented a carousel of real, old fashioned analog slides from a trip to Blue Ridge Parkway in 1984. There were many young and quasi-recognizable faces, lots of longer & darker hair, several kids!, a number of old friends who are no longer with us, and of course a parade of Model A Fords which brought all those friends together for adventure.

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

MARC National Tour Ask!



Phil Sutton needs to know **BY TODAY** if you are planning on going to the MARC National Meet in Asheville in July. Phil needs to make hotel room block bookings (you will make the reservations) for the way down and way back. So if you don't think Phil knows you are going, you gotta call him, OK?

Phil Sutton 812-336-8672 or pgsutton@indiana.edu



Tour Updates:

Apr 27 Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast, First United 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 First United Church at 2420 East 3rd Street Bloomington. From Columbus, Tim Diehn will be leading a pack from the Westhill/Jay C shopping center, leaving at 9am sharp. There will be a small car show of other makes/models to enjoy after the breakfast.



May 10 Christel DeHaan Estate and RH Showroom, Indianapolis, IN (Howell)

Join us for a tour of the recently sold Christel DeHaan Estate. This is the highest selling residential property in Indiana's history (until Tony Stewart sells his property!) and is leased now by **RH** (formerly Restoration Hardware) and has a showroom, restaurant, wine bar and interior design and outdoor furniture galleries. The house is a 41,762 sq ft, 7 bedroom estate. Tim Howell has arranged for a tour at 11am sharp at 4501 North Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46228 at 11:00 AM. Lunch is in their dining room at 12:30 PM. Due to the location in Indianapolis, **no coordinated Model A convoy will be arranged**. Feel free to drive a modern car or make individual arrangements to drive your A with a friend.



May 18 Hoosier Swap Meet and Model A Display, Franklin, IN (Emmering)

We will have great opportunity to display our Model A Fords to our fellow car enthusiasts at the Hoosier Swap Meet held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin. The meet has provided a nice building to display our cars to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Participating Model A Fords will be admitted free, waiving the normal \$5 entrance fee. We ask our members be on hand with cars throughout the day to share information about our National and local Model A Clubs. The Swap Meet will have lots of interesting vendors and there are usually some with Model A items for sale. There will be plenty of places to purchase food and refreshments and a wide variety of other cars on display at the larger car show.



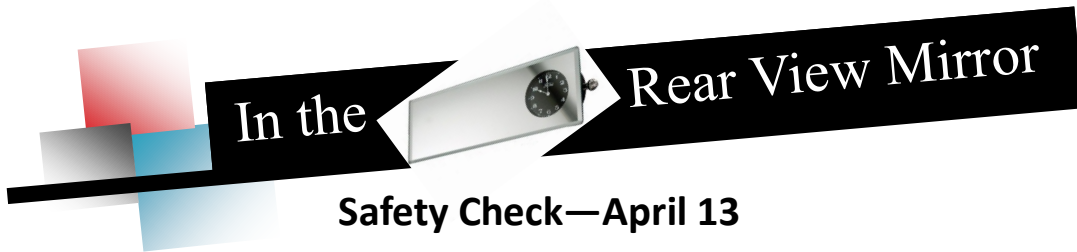
We will meet at Eastbrook Plaza at 8:00 am Saturday May 18 and depart by 8:30 for Franklin. If you live north of Columbus you may drive to the Fairgrounds directly. The gates open at 7:00 am. Planning is still going on for the event and there will be more information next month. Hope to get a good group together for this 60th Anniversary event.

Jun 8-9 Minor League Baseball (League of Their Own), Huntingburg, IN (Sullivan)

Meet at Westhill in Columbus for a 9am departure. SR58 to Bedford and pickup the Bloomington club at the McDonald's on US50 around 10am.

A country drive will include a dam, covered bridge and lunch at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant on our way to Huntingburg. We will be staying at the Quality Inn. Linda has a block of 10 rooms that will be held until May 25th. Call the hotel (812) 683-2334 and give them our group name (Columbus Model A Club) to reserve a room.

The Bombers are playing the Johnstown Mill Rats. It si also "The Fast and Furious Weiner Night." The dogs will be racing between innings. Reserved char back seats are \$8. If you plan on going, send Linda your money (613 N Walnut, Seymour, 47274) and I will get our seats together. We plan to eat at the ballpark. Sunday morning, we will head east on some 'interesting roads' with lunch at the Overlook Restaruant. After lunch we will head north.

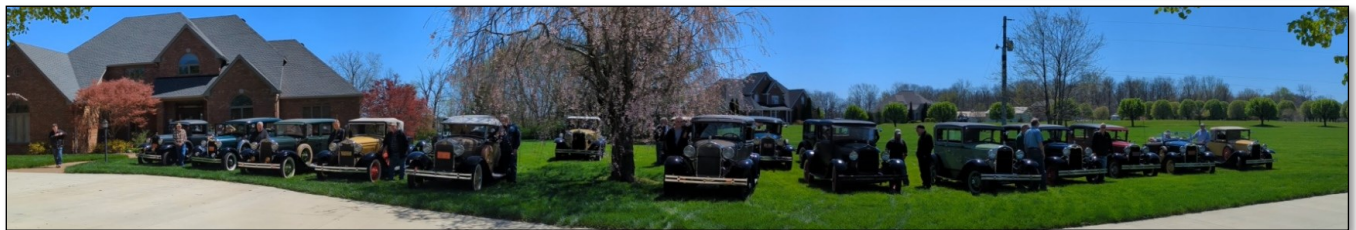


In the Rear View Mirror

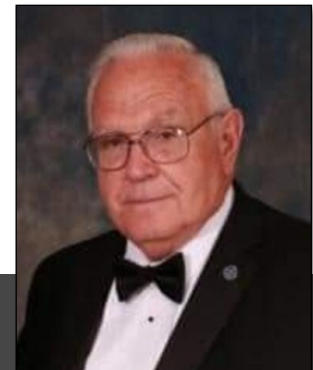
Safety Check—April 13

Having early-in-the-season car inspections was something our club use to do, but had gotten away from it. Rob Kirkpatrick had a great suggestion to start these up again, as well as discuss seat belt installations and safety glass. Dennis and Kathy Meyer generously offered their barn (and Long’s doughnuts and coffee) as the inspection site. The inspections went from 9-noon and covered areas such as tires, lights, suspension, brakes, leaks, glass to name a few. Eighteen cars and 29 club members, including the Bloomington Club, participated. Fortunately, no major issues were discovered, but several small things were found and communicated to the car owner. After the inspections were complete, we watched and discussed a video showing seat belt installation on a Tudor. Larry Morlock had his roadster available for demonstration as well. Then Paul Nesses from Paul’s Glass talked to us about the different glass types. It was a beautiful day and afterwards, a few of us headed to Franklin for lunch.

We hope to make this an annual event. If you would like to participate and/or coordinate the event next year, please reach out to a board member.



CONDOLENCES



We were saddened to learn that **Bob Esarey** passed away on April 14th. Bob was a multiple past president of the Mid-Hoosiers Model A club. We remember Bob as a ‘Gentleman’s Gentleman’ as he was a very kind person. He and his wife, Janet, would plan trips through Southern Indiana, doing this many times over the years, driving either their 1929 Cabriolet or 1929 Fordor. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. You can find out more at [Freeman Family Funeral Home obituary](#).



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 INGS

CALL FOR HELP!

FOOD To ensure a successful swap meet, we need club members to bring pies for sale. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to our club. Please support your Club!!

FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION
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What's Going On Here?

The Answer to the Question; Who are these men and what are they doing?

Jerry Glunt has placed the answer in a sealed envelope, kept in a mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagners front porch since noon today. Only minutes ago was it removed from the jar and brought to the El Nopal under Mexican armed guards, otherwise know as The Car-Tell (hint!)

Come to the May 9th Membership Meeting to find out the answer. AND, for the first person to shout out the correct answer, a prize will be awarded.



2024 MARC Membership Meet



2024 Sponsored Tour and Event Schedule

- March 9 Fanimation Museum, Zionsville, IN (Howell)
 March 14 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
- April 4-7 MARC Membership Meet, Joliet, IL (Sutton)
 April 11 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
 April 13 Safety Check, 9am-12pm, Franklin, IN (Meyer, Williamson)
 April 27 Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast, First United Church, Bloomington (Sutton)
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- June 1 Yamaha Marine Precision Propeller Company, Greenfield, IN (Howell)
 June 8-9 Minor League Baseball (League of Their Own), Huntingburg, IN (Sullivan)
June 15 *60th Anniversary Picture, Bakalar, Columbus (Morlock/Kirkpatrick)*
 June 22 Cherry Furniture/Arrow/'40's-'60's Cars, Homer/Shelbyville Trip (Howell)
- July 13-20** *MARC National Meet, Asheville, NC (Sutton)*
 July 27 Medora Brickyard and old US Hwy 50 Tour, Medora, IN (Meyer)
- August 3 Rushville Steam Engine Show, Rushville, IN (Morlock)
 August 10 Central Avenue Methodist Church Building, Indianapolis, IN (Howell)
August 17 *Picnic at Brown County Park, Strahl Lake Shelter, Nashville (Sutton, Diehn)*
 August XX George and Jodi Barn Tour, Bobtown, IN (Meyer)
 Aug24-Sep14 Route 66 Tour, Illinois to California (Kirkpatrick)
- September 12 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
 September 28 Tyson Temple, Versailles, IN (Sullivan)
- October 5** *“The Fords Meet the Hudsons” at Ed Dathe’s home (Dathe)*
 October 10 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
 Oct 13-18 Fall Tour, Mammoth Cave Area, Cave City, KY (Goodman/Sutton)
October 26 *Fall Foliage Tour, Southern IN (Sullivan)*
- November 14 Membership Meeting & Election of Officers - El Nopal 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 mtg
December 8 *Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, 3pm, Nashville, IN (Diehn)*

Denotes a 60th Anniversary Event

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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

1931 Model A Town Sedan

- ◆ Excellent Cobra & Chicle Drab paint, L – B green mohair interior
- ◆ New Burtz 5 main bearing, pressurized oiling, SOS Lyon Head Advanced grind touring cam,
- ◆ Brass Works Radiator, Temperature gauge. Tachometer.
- ◆ 4 complete carburetion systems come with the car. Single & dual Zenith 3 up draft, Weber & Stromberg down drafts.
- ◆ Lightened flywheel with V8 9" clutch assembly.
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