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*2025 MARC Membership Meet
Columbus Region Hosts Nashville Event*

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the
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With all that went on this month our April issue was a challenge. It would have been possible to go on for many pages to cover everything taking place at the Membership Meet, and Swap Meet. Hope you will enjoy the encapsulated reports presented here.

Our "Cobweb" tour April 26th, which was our initial road tour was a good time. In northern Illinois we called our first tour the "Frostbite Tour", and I felt a little bit of that in my roadster as we drove to Bloomington.

As a reminder we will be touring to Michigan for Model A Days this year. See the information on page 13. It's a good time to book the hotel. Hope you enjoy this issue.

John

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8 — *Monthly Member's Meeting El Nopal Rt. 31.*

May 10-- Garage Tour: Mike Brown's Barn, Mooresville

May 17-- Butler Co. Ohio Tour. Meet in Shelbyville.

May 31-- Belle of Louisville Boat Tour. (Prohaska)

June 7 -- Huber's Winery Tour, Borden, IN (Pendencygraft)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Word From Tim Diehn



Hello Fellow Model A Enthusiasts!

April has indeed been a vibrant month for our club, marked by a successful swap meet, the commencement of our touring season, and the highlight of the MARC Membership Meet. Here is a recap of the month's significant events:

First and foremost, a huge thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding the MARC Membership Meet! The seamless experience we were able to offer our guests was in part due to the partnership we have with Kevin and Carol at The Seasons Lodge – their support made our task so much easier. To all of you who stepped up as committee chairs, secured donations for the ever-popular bucket drawing, ensured the hospitality space was welcoming, or simply attended and extended that warm Hoosier hospitality, Thank You! Your efforts were truly appreciated by our many visitors. And a special, heartfelt Thank You to John Prohaska for his outstanding leadership in guiding us through the entire process. John, you kept us all on the right track, and we certainly reached our destination successfully because of you!

On that note, I'd like to briefly mention the 2026 MARC National Meet next July. I'll admit, the prospect of hosting such a significant event, especially without the experience of a membership meet under our belt, initially made me a bit apprehensive. However, witnessing the incredible teamwork and dedication within our club during the Membership Meet has completely eased my concerns. In fact, I am now even more enthusiastic about the opportunity to once again showcase our Hoosier Hospitality on a national stage next year.

Secondly, let's celebrate the success of our recent Swap Meet! While the final numbers are still being tallied, I'm confident it will be one of our most robust yet. The pleasant weather undoubtedly contributed, as did the delicious food on offer, and it was fantastic to see so many Model A parts finding new homes. A special thank you to Charlotte Prohaska and the entire kitchen crew for providing such a wonderful and varied menu of tasty delights. And once again, our sincere thanks go to John Prohaska for his leadership in ensuring the Swap Meet ran smoothly and achieved its goals. Mission accomplished indeed!

Finally, our touring season is off to a great start! John Prohaska recently led a group from Columbus to the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in Bloomington, marking the traditional 'official' kickoff to our planned adventures, which will cover approximately 4,000 miles this year. I encourage you to participate in as many tours as your schedule allows, and please remember to notify the tour leader if you plan to attend. This is particularly important as many events include meals or venue arrangements that benefit from an accurate headcount. The tour leader's name is typically indicated in parentheses next to the tour name in the newsletter.

See you *Going Places!*

Tim



MAY 10 Garage Trouble Shooting Tour (Meyer) 6154 E State Road 144, Mooresville, IN
Saturday May 10th, 2025, at 9am at Mike Brown's Blue Barn, behind his residence , located at **6154 E. Hwy 144, Mooresville, IN 46158**. The goal is to troubleshoot Mike's '29 Tudor to figure out why it won't start...and... Once we get it started, and as time allows, we'll further use his car as an example, with volunteers sharing different tools, methods, and techniques and opinions on : **1.) Timing a Model A 2.) Points and Condensers vs. electronic ignition modules 3.) Checking Polarity 4.) Brake Adjustment 5.) Setting the Toe-In & Out....**We are asking those who plan to attend, to bring parts & supplies, as you would when going on a long tour...also, **We're asking for Volunteers to share, demonstrate and give opinions on any of these 5 different topics** ... Dennis will be bringing the toe-in & out tool, and a "Polarity Checking tool" . Tim Diehn will be bringing his Multimeter and sharing how he uses it to check Polarity and other things...**Also, We will be passing out a handy one page "Troubleshooting Guide" that Tim Diehn put together . In addition, Mike has a large cache, Two long tables of Model A parts that he would like to sell !** (acquired in 2018 from the Howard Peters estate...along with his '29Tudor). **Dennis and Kathy will be providing "Long's Donuts" (famous since 1951) and coffee, plates & napkins ...Mike Brown will also be providing bottled water, tables and chairs...Kathy will be picking up the donuts fresh from the Long's Southport bakery that morning...Likewise , WE NEED A HEADCOUNT AS TO HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS PLAN TO ATTEND ASAP** (e-mail Dennis at : dmeyer4066@sbcglobal.net or text msg. to 317-727-5098)... Hopefully, we'll get Mike's car up & running and have some demonstrations and discussion on the five different topics by lunchtime (Noonish)...when at that time we'll be touring to "Squealers" (390 E. High St. Mooresville, IN 46158) , a famous Mooresville barbecue restaurant within 4 miles west down Hwy 144 from Mike's barn...Also, we have three tour leaders leading three separate groups to Mike's Barn from these locations & times...

~ John Prohaska(812-350-8780) leaving at **7:30am** from **West Hill Shopping Center/JC Food Store** parking lot ,Hwy 46 & Jonathan Moore Pike, **Columbus IN**

~ Randy Hughey(317-694-1838) leaving at **8am** from **Bob Evans parking lot**, 900 W Morton St., **Franklin IN**

~ Phil Sutton(812-369-9915) leaving at **7:30am** from **Williamsburg strip mall** parking lot, 223 Pete Ellis Dr., **Bloomington IN...**

For those who want to get to Mike's Barn on their own...Google Map or Maps your own way (see his address above), and more specifically, Mike's residence/barn is on the north side of Hwy 144 and he has a narrow driveway going into his property... and there are other narrow driveways east and west of his ...but the entrance to Mike's driveway has a mailbox on the Right side with a Blue "Times" newspaper box, and on the Left side (west) near the Highway is the flashing sign for an upcoming round-a-bout, and as you turn into his driveway and a little forward and on the Left, in the grass, is a flagpole & flag. We'll put other markers & signs up too along the road pointing to his driveway/residence and his "Blue Barn".

May 17 Ohio one day tour to Sample Farm Butler Co. Ohio (Dininger)

Meet up at the McDonalds in Shelbyville (1012 W. Main St. Ind 44) at 9:00 AM. We depart at 9:15 AM. We will drive beautiful eastern Indiana and stop for lunch at about 11:30-12:00PM. After lunch we will continue to the historic Lewis-Sample Farm Butler County, Ohio, settled in 1803. After touring the farm and house, our hosts Ed and Kathy Creighton will talk about the Indigenous Americans that lived in the area, and the mounds and earthworks that are still visible. They will also talk about the Ford Motor Company factory that was in Hamilton Ohio from 1918-1950 where many of our Model A parts were made. Ed will also explain the differences between his Model A and B and the B parts that work well on the Model A. On the return trip we will stop for ice cream. The entire trip will cover about 150 miles from and back to Shelbyville. Please RSVP to the Diningers by May 14th if you plan to attend. Email jdininger1947@gmail.com or call 317-431-2204.

May 31 Belle of Louisville Tour (Prohaska)

Join us the Saturday after Memorial Day on May 31 for a journey to the Ohio River to ride on the Belle of Louisville and fill your belly on fried chicken at The Chicken House in Sellersburg on the way home. Our route will be a scenic one through the center of Southern Indiana.

Schedule for the day:

Meet at Harbor Freight Parking Lot (Eastbrook Shopping Center) in Columbus at 8:45 AM, Depart at 9AM.

Travel to Louisville on US31. (Approximate travel time = 2-2.5 hrs. depending on traffic)

Based on Cruise schedule either take the 1-hour (\$12/person) or the 2-hour (\$25/person) riverboat cruise.

Travel on US-31 and IN-62 to The Chicken House in Sellersburg, IN for late afternoon meal.

Cartoons from *FORD LIFE* magazine 1974



"George, they seem to be awfully critical of your tire cover."



"Oh, Henry, you've finished your new car, let's call it the EDSEL..."

2025 MARC Membership Meet Recap – Nashville, IN

By John Prohaska, Membership Meet Chairman

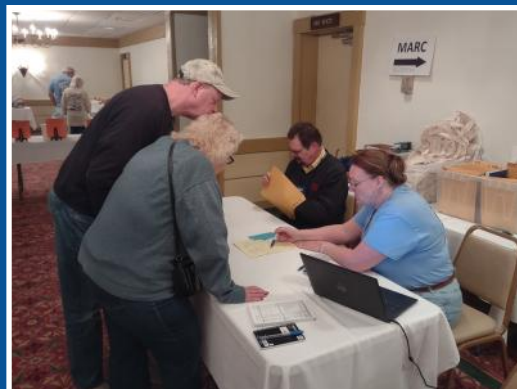
While official events kicked off Friday, the 2025 MARC Membership Meet began Thursday afternoon under overcast skies with early registration at The Seasons Lodge and Event Center. Attendees arrived from 13 states, driving both Model A's and modern vehicles. Friends reunited, admired each other's cars, and eagerly anticipated the weekend ahead.

Thursday evening was left open for members to explore downtown Nashville and enjoy local eateries with fellow club members—offering a relaxed start to the weekend.

Friday began with three local-history seminars sponsored by the Columbus (IN) Region. Jeremiah Reichmann of Peaceful Valley Heritage spoke on how Nashville, IN became an artist colony and tourist destination. Ronnie Lawson discussed the Ford-era relationship of Sparks-Noblitt-Arvin. Tim Diehn wrapped up with the history of Clessie Cummins and his brief connection with Henry Ford.

That afternoon, 54 members participated in a 17-mile tour through the rolling hills and backroads of Brown County. The tour concluded at Abe Martin Lodge just in time for a welcoming dinner among beautiful Spring scenery.

Saturday balanced technical education, vintage fashion, and club updates. Judging Standards Committee seminars on Steering (Mark Maron) and Shocks & Shackles (Rob Mills) each drew approximately 30 attendees. The Fashion Seminar was titled “A Potpourri of Fashion: Assembling an Ensemble and More!” to 30 people and was immediately followed by a swap meet



Rex Hinkle & Charlotte Prohaska handled registrations for the Meet



Tim Diehn's interesting Clessie Cummins Seminar



Ronnie Lawson gave a history of Arvin Industries



Friday's Model A Tour of the Nashville area.



MARC Office Staff Nora Petriches & Erin Welch



Susan Easton & Neil Wessler ran the Raffle Room



Caryn & Jay Williamson ran Meet Clothing Sales



The Farewell Dinner was the climax of the Event

The room was full for the General Membership Meeting, with officer reports and discussion around delayed USPS delivery of the *Model "A" News*. Members were encouraged to access the online version for timely updates.

Saturday evening's Farewell Dinner at The Seasons Event Center drew 123 members. Committee Chair Suzanne Diehn added thoughtful touches with printed menus and themed keychain favors. Members enjoyed a delicious buffet featuring prime rib, salmon, fried chicken, and regional favorites like fried biscuits and apple butter—topped off with sugar cream pie and cheesecake.

The weekend wrapped up Sunday with the traditional Swap Meet, where members browsed for parts, tools, and memorabilia. By 10:00 AM, the event concluded as attendees began their journey home—Model A's and all.

I want to say a special thanks to my Assistant Chair, Tim Diehn and our committee chairs Charlotte Prohaska, Suzanne Diehn, Susan Easton, Linda Sullivan, John Emmering, Jay Williamson, Phil Sutton, and Larry Morlock. Without their efforts this meet would not have been a success.

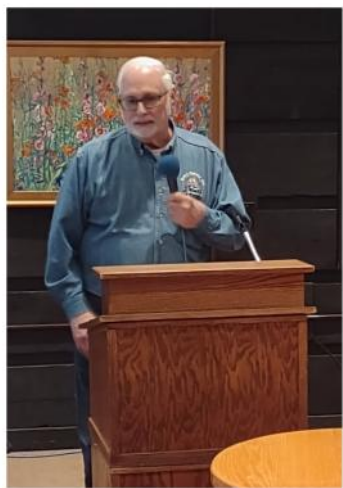
This successful team effort in hosting a national event has shown the capability of our Columbus Region to move up to the challenge of sponsoring the MARC National Meet in 2026. Hope many of you will get behind that effort so that we may have another great event.

John Prohaska

2025 MARC Membership Meet Chair



Photo Highlights of the 2025 M.A.R.C. Membership Meet...



Joe Valentine, National President



Meeting of the MARC Membership



MARC Treasurer
Paul Ganninger



President Tim Diehn,
Columbus Region



Debbie Arnold selling BEEZ KNEEZ puzzles



Membership Meet Chairman
John Prohaska

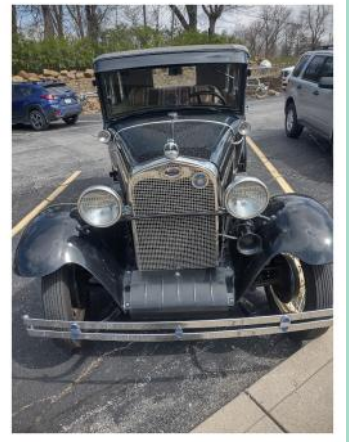
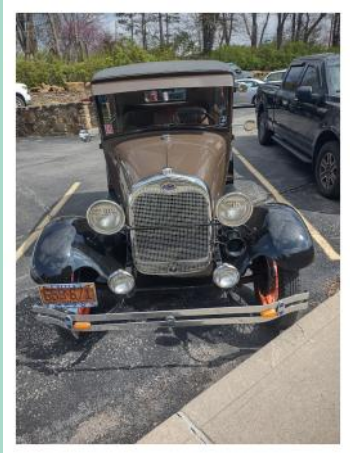


(L to R) Susan & Chris Easton, John & Robin Emmering



(L to R) Larry Morlock, Tim Howell, Tim & Suzanne Diehn,
Charlotte & John Prohaska, and Marge Sutton.

*Some of the Model A Fords driven to the
2025 M.A.R.C. Membership Meet...*





FORD MODEL A MECHANICAL TIPS

Suggested Parts, Supplies and Tools to Bring along on a Tour



Carry all the time:

- Membership in the Automobile Club (For 200 mile tow service suggested)
- Jack and Handle
- Tire Pump
- Ball Peen Hammer
- Socket wrench set - 5/16 – 7/8 sockets
- Adjustable wrench, small and large
- Box wrench, ½ x 9/16 (battery)
- Screw drivers
- Pliers (regular or Channel Locks)
- Wire cutter / Stripper
- Ignition tools – feeler gauge, file, etc.
- Flashlight w/batteries (with extras is good)
- Inner tube patch kit or inner tube
- Electrical tester
- Distributor shaft wrench
- Tire Irons
- Knife / Scissors
- Ford spark plug wrench
- Crank Handle

PARTS:

- Fan Belt
- Radiator hoses / Duct Tape
- Light bulbs
- Water Pump packing
- Accelerator spring
- Ignition points
- Condenser
- Spark plug / gasket and pre- gapped
- Ignition switch
- Starter switch

- Coil
- Timing Gear (check size)
- Rear Axle Key
- Front Wheel Bearing (pre-greased)
- Water Pump gaskets

SUPPLIES:

- Electrical Tape / Copper & Iron Bailing Wire
- Rain X
- Assorted bolts, nuts, cotter pens etc.
- Gasket sealing compound / gasket material, 12 in. square
- Rags / paper towels
- Soap / Talcum (for tires and hands)
- Sanding paper / Emery Cloth (various)
- Fuses
- Wheel Bearing Grease (small jar/Zip Lock)
- MARC/MAFCA rosters

SPECIAL BAG, FOR LONG TOURS: TOOLS:

- Timing Gear wrench
- Valve Guide remover
- Valve Spring Compressor
- Rear Hub Puller

PARTS:

- Water Pump, pre-greased & w/ gasket
- Goose Neck
- Carburetor, tested
- Distributor, tested
- Dist. Lower shaft
- Valve springs (2)
- Valve Guide (2)
- Head gasket
- Manifold gasket



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- May 10 Garage Trouble Shooting Tour Mike Brown's Barn, 6154 State Road 144 ,
Mooreville, IN**
- May 17 One Day Tour to Butler Co. Ohio and other destinations. Meet in Shelbyville
(Dininger)**
- May 31 Belle of Louisville Boat Tour (Prohaska)**
- June 7 Huber's Winery Tour, Borden, IN (Pendygraft)**
- June 12 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting**
- June 13-22 M.A.R.C. National Meet, Gettysburg, PA (Prohaska/Sutton)**
(Please contact Phil Sutton if you plan to attend the Gettysburg National Meet)
- June 28 Hulsbosch Dairy Farm Tour, Greensburg, IN (day tour)**
- July 12 Bridges of Jennings County, IN (Poker Run) (Sullivan)**
- July 25-27 Evansville /Vincennes two night Tour. (Pumphrey)**
- August 1 Rushville Steam Engine Show, Rushville, IN (Morlock)**
- August 2 Picnic at Brown County Park, Strahl Lake Shelter, Nashville (Sutton, Diehn)**
- August 3 Power Club Tractor & Engine Show Goshorn Park, Clay City, IN (Sutton)**
- Aug. 16-17 Delphi Canal Museum Monticello Freeman Boat ride (Sutton)**
- August 23 Washington Co. Tour & Car Show—Stevens Museum, Salem IN (Pendygraft)**
- September 11 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting**
- September 13 Overlook Restaurant Leavenworth, Indiana (Morlock)**
- Sept. 18-21 Model A Days at the Gilmore Hickory Corners Michigan (Howell)**
- October 6-9 Hersey Swap Meet PA.**
- October 9 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting**
- October 11 1917 Automobile Blue Book Tour Day tour (Meyer)**
- Oct 19-24 Fall Tour Ohio—Dayton, Holms Co. Amish Country (Sutton)**
- October 25 Fall Foliage Tour (Sullivan)**
- November 8 Speedway Museum Tour, Indianapolis, IN (Diehm)**
- November 13 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting**
- December 7 Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, 3pm, Nashville, IN (Diehn)**

2025 Model A Days
2-Day Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral,
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September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm

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Columbus, IN 47203

"Cobweb Tour" to Bloomington Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast kicks off Touring season



Three Model A's came in from Columbus



(L to R) Chris Easton, Ron Lawson Jr., Ed & Mary Dathe, Kathy Meyer, and Marge & Phil Sutton.

The excitement of a new tour season filled the air as three Model A Fords convened at the Westhill Shopping Center in Columbus early on Saturday, April 26th. Their destination: Bloomington, where the Kiwanis Club was hosting its annual pancake breakfast. The tour group was led by John Prohaska in his distinguished 1931 Model A Town Sedan. Following closely were Dennis & Kathy Meyer in their elegant 1930 Town Sedan, and John Emmering in his striking 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster. Ronnie & Katy Lawson, accompanied by their son Ronnie Jr., traveled in their modern vehicle, ensuring every participant was well-supported.

The convoy embarked on a picturesque 32-mile journey, culminating at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Bloomington. Upon arrival, the Columbus Model A Fords joined a delightful array of vehicles driven by members residing in Bloomington. The gathering included Ed Dathe's classic 1914 Model T, Christian Easton's 1931 Model A Sedan, and Tim Ellis's 1930 Model A Cabriolet.

Inside St. Marks, members eagerly paid their admission and helped themselves to a hearty breakfast consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage. The communal tables provided a wonderful opportunity for members to mingle and share stories. Among the Bloomington members present were Mike Baker, Ed & Mary Dathe, Christian Easton, Tim Ellis, Rex Hinkle, and Phil & Marge Sutton. The camaraderie and shared passion for vintage automobiles made the event memorable.

After the breakfast, John Prohaska headed to Chris Easton's place to address a minor mechanical issue with his Model A's alternator. With the issue resolved, John made his way back to Columbus, reflecting on the day's events and the joy brought by these classic cars.

This initial spring tour was an enjoyable and promising start to the 2025 Spring/Summer Tour Season. The coming months will undoubtedly offer numerous opportunities for Model A enthusiasts to hit the road for fun events, showcasing their cherished vehicles and creating lasting memories.



Some photo highlights of our SWAP MEET

Our Columbus Model A Club enjoyed another great Swap Meet Sunday, April 27th. The nice weather encouraged a good crowd of Model A enthusiasts to come out. Event coordinator John Prohaska and the many volunteers from the club did a wonderful job of setting up and running the event. Special thanks to Chalotte Prohaska and her kitchen crew. We hope to have a complete report next month.



Representatives of
The Carb Shed
Earl Park, IN



John Baker of
Transmission Exchange
Monticello, KY





Model "A" Restorers Club

MILEAGE PROGRAM



2024 MILEAGE AWARDS

The 2024 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 2024 (some are multiple cars):

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| 1. Jack & Linda Sullivan 12,334 | 6. Randy Hughey 2,919 |
| 2. 2. Dennis & Kathy Meyer 8,017 | 7. John & Charlotte Prohaska 2,876 |
| 3. Sid & Denise Pendygraft 5,585 | 8. Larry Morelock 2,526 |
| 4. Tim & Frieda Howell 2,988 | 9. Phil & Marge Sutton 2,394 |
| 5. Roger, Cherryl & Eric Goodman 2,975 | 10. Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick 2,094 |

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.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The Columbus Model A Swap Meet wasn't just for the older set. Here John Prohaska's grandson Reed enjoys the event as he learns to appreciate his Granddad's Model A Ford.