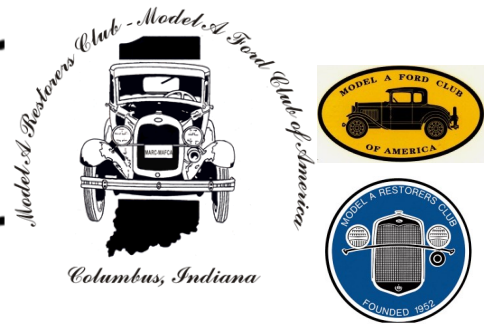




GOING PLACES



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April 2024 Edition

Upcoming Events

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Indiana State Flag, 1917-1955

Answer? *Somewhere* in this newsletter.

How many stars did the Indiana state flag have before 1917?
Bonus: What is the significance of the stars?

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

We have a tour schedule! As typical the past couple years, we have a nice mix of day activities, over night tours and week long events. Nine tours are designated as 60th Anniversary events. If you participate, you will receive a trading card. Collect all nine for a special message on the back!

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Hopefully you will find things on the schedule that are interesting and will fit into your calendar. If you don't, please let the board know and suggest something. Yes, we may ask you to plan that trip, but we will help you along the way. This is *our* club, not the officer's, so your input and participation is encouraged.

Speaking of 'our club', if you are new or seasoned member, I encourage you to contribute to the club. Perhaps you have a talent in digital creation, finance, event planning, baking, crafting, or creative writing. Or maybe you have contacts with other clubs, volunteer/professional organizations, event centers, businesses, government groups, youth groups or religious groups. Our club could benefit from these talents and contacts. Please, do not be bashful, let a board member know and let's take advantage of your contribution!

April is not just the start of our touring, but also host to our biggest and only fund raiser. The Swap Meet on April 28th provides our largest source of income. This keeps our dues low and allows us to donate to other charitable causes important to us throughout the year. And enjoy a nice Christmas celebration! Please plan on volunteering in some capacity. John Prohaska will have a signup sheet at the April membership meeting. We need people to take door money, help vendors setup, help cleanup at the end, and help sell goodies. And we need bakers to donate pies for the kitchen. So, if you can, please help in some way.

See you Going Places! -Tim

Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, March 14, 2024

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

53 Members and one guest were present: Rob Kirkpatrick, Larry Morlock, Jack & Linda Sullivan, Katy & Ronnie Lawson, Don Wessler, Sid & Denise Pendencygraft, Phil Sutton, Dennis & Kathy Meyer, Tim & Frieda Howell, Dianne & Larry Purcell, John Prohaska, Randy Hughey, Ron & Carmen Huddleston, Larry & Carol Pumphrey, Maurice Ketchum, Jerry & Sharon Curbox, Roger Dean, Randy & Angia Watts, John Badger, Steve Butler, Mike & Stacy Wright, Dave Engle, David & Kelli Brooks, Chris & Susan Easton, Bryan & Alice Mattison, Bill & Alice Nevels, Jay Williamson, Ed & Mary Dathe, Dave & Wilma Evanczyk, John Emmering, Richard Wolfe & Connie Brace, Steve Carley, Bob Kinser, Don & Gayle Young we welcomed as new members, and visitor Butch Glatz.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

One A was spotted shining in the parking lot.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance 11/9/2023	\$ 3,360.09
Income	
Dues	50.00
Donation	10.00
50-50	52.00
	+ \$ 112.00
Expenses	
Newsletter	25.64
MAFCA Insurance	75.00
MARC Dues	25.00
	- \$ 125.64
Ending Balance	\$ 3,346.45

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns were shared.

Dennis was diagnosed with prostate cancer and we will look for great reports at the next meeting

John Prohaska is expecting his FOURTH grandchild

Phil shared another great Kathryn Sullivan Memorial Joke. Cold water'll take care of it.

Phil talked about the newly created Tour Schedule and the MARC Membership Meeting April 4-7. Five or six members are planning to drive their As over to Joliet.

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.

Volunteer signups will be taken at the April membership meeting.

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

John also reported on the status of the MARC membership meeting we are hosting in Nashville in 2025. He has signed contracts with The Seasons Lodge in Nashville and MARC. Discussions continue with the Brown County Inn.

Dates: May 11-14, 2025 (Thursday to Sunday)

Mark your calendars for fun AND volunteering to help!

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*

Assemble all the Model As in the club for a group photo at Columbus/Bakalar Airport, June 15th. We hope for as many cars as possible. If you have more than one A, recruit a driver! – *Rob/Larry*

Dedicate our new version of the Model A sculpture, perhaps after the airport pics – *Tim Diehn*

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

John reminded us of the 60th anniversary shirts he is ordering. The deadline is 3/22.

Rob reported on two projects.

The April 13th Safety Check Day committee will meet again on 4/1 to finalize details.

Location: Dennis & Kathy Meyer's barn: 4365 N 600 E, Franklin 46131

Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon

Come early and there MAY be some donuts leftover from the set up crew

The Bloomington Club may come over later in the a.m. – another reason to be early

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

The 50/50 was won by Roger Dean - \$75!

Other items, donated by Ed Dathe, included Header Clock (won by Susan Easton), License Plate Topper (Don Young) and Front Spring Mount (Jay Williamson)

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

Easter Egg Hunt Awards (\$5 Scratchoffs) were handed out to Randy Watts, Carmen Huddleston, and Linda Sullivan

Speaker

We heard a wild tale from VP Dennis about his adventure with the Antique Road Show. The story wound from buying an old box for \$35 (including whatever's inside) to his TV debut and an appraisal of that whatever's-inside, an 1880s Magic Lantern slide projector. Fun!

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Kirkpatrick



Tour Updates:

Apr 13 Safety Check, Franklin, IN (Meyer/Williamson/Kirkpatrick)

Touring Season is Here! Are you ready for the road? Plan to run you're a through the Safety Check Gauntlet at Dennis and Kathy Meyers' estate on Saturday, April 13th from 9am-12pm at 4365 N 600 E, Franklin, IN 46131. Kathy will offer a warm seat in the kitchen for non-participating guests! We won't be fixing things, but decades of cumulatively experienced eyes will be looking for the little things that could become big things. With a team including Ed Dathe, Tim Diehn, Larry Morlock, Dennis Meyer, Jay Williamson and others, the end result should be a good list of ideas to improve the reliability, safety (and comfort?) of your ride. Of special interest will be a look at seat belt installations, to give the rest of us a good view of what's possible before we drill a hole in a less-than-helpful spot! This will also be a fun Saturday social event that just might be a prelude to a fun lunch stop somewhere.

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. Detailed driving arrangements departing from Columbus will be sent later.



May 18 Hoosier Vintage Wheels 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 literature and information about our National and local Mode 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.





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,
"A" CAR DISPLAY

ADMISSION - \$5

**FOR FURTHER
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CALL FOR HELP!

To ensure a successful swap meet, we need club members to volunteer to collect door money, help setup and teardown, help in the kitchen, sell parts at the club table, and bake pies. And we need Model A's on display! John Prohaska will be asking for members to signup at the April Membership Meeting. Please support your Club!!

Tim's Top Tip!

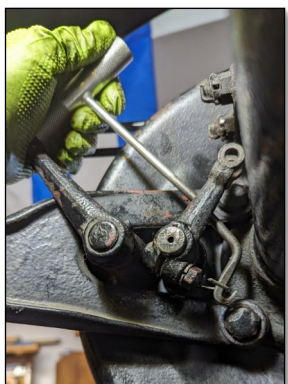
Repairing our mechanical brakes can be a little frustrating. The front brakes are easy to disassemble with no special tools needed. The rear brakes are a little more intimidating. First, you need a hub puller. Like most tapered shaft rear axles of the era, this is a strong fit that sometimes results in a loud, startling BANG once the puller overcomes the assembly force. Next, to remove the rear brake shoes, the emergency brake setup needs to be removed. Not too complicated, except for the emergency brake lever return spring. For the unprepared, this can seem challenging. Removing is easier, but reinstalling can be a pain. But knowing a trick, this can be simple. Below are steps to reinstall the spring.

First, do not insert the pin from the emergency brake toggle lever to the connecting link. Instead, use locking pliers to hold the lever in the extreme 'returned' position. This little extra rotation of the lever makes a world of difference. Next, you need a hook to grab the end of the spring that is to be wrapped around the lever arm. A [motorcycle exhaust spring tool](#) works well. Heat up the end and give it a slight bend. This allows the tool to 'lever' over the radius rod to gain some mechanical

advantage. Simply grab the spring with the tool hook and using the radius rod for leverage, pull and wrap the spring end around the emergency brake lever.

Easy Peezy!

Tim Diehn, Model A Enthusiast



MAFFI Minute

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.



"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm> , or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"



Happy Motoring,
Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary

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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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Answer: The first Indiana state flag had no stars, rather the seal of Indiana. In 1917, the current

flag was created. It has 19 stars, representing Indiana's admission to the Union as the 19th state.



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

