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Deglan Cunningham's 1930 Ford Model A Tudor

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From the Editor...

John Emmering

Dear Readers:

June has arrived and with it comes the active summer season with plenty of activities planned.

In this issue we recap some of the important events of May. There are articles about the National Tour in Finger Lakes, New York and coverage of the May 23rd Garage Tour. Mike Brown and Jay Williamson supplied reports and photos on those events.

I appreciate the participation of our members in contributing to our newsletter. We can always use articles about members' Model A's and helpful technical articles. Hope you will enjoy reading our June issue.

Best Regards *John*

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6	***Tour to Oldenburg***
June 12-14	**Bardstown KY. Tour** (Meyer)
June 28	**Red Barn Theater,** Frankfurt, Indiana.

A Message from the PRESIDENT

A Word From Tim Diehn

Hello Membership,

A brief message for everyone this month. We are in full swing getting everything finalized and ready for the National Meet this July! To make this event a massive success, I need everyone to step up and do two quick things:

Register: If you haven't done so already, please get your registration submitted. You can head directly to this link to sign up
Volunteer: An event of this scale relies entirely on our incredible members. Please sign up for at least one 2-hour volunteer time slot. It's a short shift, and it makes a world of difference. You can pick your slot at this link:

That is the big push for now—let's get those forms filled out!

In the meantime, don't forget that we have a fantastic lineup of tours coming up, all organized and led by our awesome club members. Please consider coming out and driving with us. If you plan on joining a tour, make sure to inform the tour leader so they know to expect you and don't leave you behind at the starting line. Also, please check the specific tour details, as you may need to make your own overnight lodging arrangements for the multi-day trips.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and hard work to make our club—and this upcoming National Meet—the absolute best it can be.

See you Going Places!

Best regards,
Tim
Club President

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

Check the schedule each month in case there are changes.

June 6	**Tour to Oldenburg, IN.** Lunch and tour of Sisters of St. Francis (Williamson)
June 11	**No June Meeting**
June 12-14	**Bardstown KY. Tour** (Meyer)
June 13	**Tour with the Bloomington Group to Odon, Indiana**. Lunch at a Mexican Restaurant. Meet up at Ivy Tech, Bloomington at 9:15 am. If you wish to participate please email Chris Easton at christianeaston1@comcast.net
June 13	**Auction -** Larry Morlock will be auctioning off Model A items with Mensendiek Auctioneers at 7641 E 800 S Elizabethtown, IN.
June 28	**Red Barn Theater,** Frankfurt, Indiana. Play: "Wait Until Dark" **(**Pumphrey)
July 9	**No July Meeting**
July 12-17	**MARC National Meet**, French Lick, Indiana
Aug. 1	**Annual Summer Picnic.** Brown Co. State Park. (Sutton, Diehn)
Aug 15	**Tour to Aurora, Indiana** (Sullivan)
Aug 22	**Tour over to Milan, IN** site of the 1954 Basketball Championship. (Morlock)
Aug 28-30	**Tour to Boone Tavern Inn, Berea KY.** (Meyer)
Sept.10	***Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting***
Sept. 18-19	**Model A Days,** Hickory Corners, Michigan
Sept.26	**Trip to Ford's Garage Restaurant** in Noblesville for Lunch .
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* (Meyer)
Oct. 31	**Fall Colors Tour (Sullivan).**
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.***

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

June 2026

Much of the time spent at Board meetings involves the financials of your club. Expenses continuously rise and we are constantly looking for ways to cut or eliminate costs to you. To that end, your Board of Directors has voted (unanimously) to sell the office building in Garden City, Michigan. We have no plans to occupy another space at this time, but the building has been virtually vacant for several years with no changes predicted for the foreseeable future. The contents are safely stored and monies will be placed in an interest bearing account separate from our general treasury.

Are you aware that if your club is a "mixed" region of MARC members, MAFCA members and members with no affiliation that ONLY members of MARC are covered by our liability insurance? Region members with no MARC membership number cannot be considered part of MARC and therefore are not covered. While it's true that liability lawsuits are rare and unlikely, costs can be in the millions of dollars if you're sued and lose. MARC is proud to guarantee coverage to all its dues paying members as part of their payment. Speak with your non-MARC members soon and advise them of one of the benefits of MARC membership—the generous liability insurance program!

REMEMBER to make mid-season adjustments to your brakes, timing, and fluids. If you haven't greased the chassis in a couple of years, take advantage of the next nice day and spend some time with the undercarriage of your favorite car or truck (your Model A, of course!), and get those fittings cleaned and lubricated for the rest of the season. While you're there, check for rusted or missing cotter pins, corroded electrical connections (battery ground, stoplight switch) and oil drips from engine, transmission or rear axle. Your car will appreciate it!

COMPATIBILITY with today's traffic can be a daunting task while driving a Model A. For the safety of you and your passengers, why not consider installing seat belts and directional signals if you haven't done so already—if you have, offer to help a fellow club member with their installation. The LED lighting systems are easy to install, are reasonably priced from our advertised vendors, and could save your life! Of course, seat belts are also life savers, but will need to be custom installed.

June 6 Tour to Oldenburg, Indiana (Williamson)

Join us for a tour to Oldenburg. We will be leaving from Eastbrook Plaza, Columbus (Harbor Freight) for a caravan to McDonald's, 2080 E King St. Franklin . Please arrive at 8am for a no-later-than 8:15am departure. Have your tanks full and bladders empty please!! We will then travel east on SR 44 to Shelbyville and take a leisurely trip on some back roads and less traveled highways to Troyer's Amish Marketing in Milroy. Next we will travel to Oldenburg, where at 11:30 we will have lunch at Wagners Village Inn, known for their fried chicken.
After lunch, at 1:00, we will take a tour of the Sisters of St Francis Church and Convent. Please contact Jay Williamson at 317-223-1379 by phone or text if you would like to join the tour.

June 12-14 Tour to Bardstown, Kentucky (Meyer)

There is still time to sign up for the two night tour to Bardstown, Kentucky. Make plans to join us for a fun and memorable weekend in Bardstown, Kentucky Reserve your Room at the Spark by Hilton, 985 Chambers Blvd. Bardstown, KY. Rooms are $120 a night (one king or two queen beds) for two nights. June 12 &13 Call the hotel between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm 1-502-349-0100 for reservations. Ask for Jessica and tell her you are with the Model A group. *Call ASAP rooms go fast.* SPECIAL EVENT: The season opener of "The Steven Foster Story" on Sat. June 13. The tickets require an advanced headcount. Plan to Attend? Text or call Dennis Meyer at 317-727-5098 and leave a message we can earmark your tickets. Met up Friday June 12 at 8:00 am at the Circle K Station, intersection of Hwy. 31 & Hwy. 7 South of Columbus

June 28 Tour to the Red Barn Theatre, Frankfurt, Indiana (Pumphrey)

Larry and Carol Pumphrey will be leading a one day tour up to Frankfurt, Indiana to see the play "Wait Until Dark" at the Red Barn Theater. Larry will contact participants with travel details. You can reach Larry at 812-593-2701.

Fashions of 1920s & 1930s

1920's and '30s men's shirt styles were characterized by long, sharp "spear point" collars, bold colors (green, burgundy, yellow), and patterns like stripes, checks, and plaids, often made from cotton broadcloth. While classic white and blue remained common for business, the decade introduced more casual, soft-collared shirts and colorful sportswear, along with functional workwear shirts and early polo styles . Dress Shirts were tailored to fit with long collars, often paired with wide-shouldered suits. They featured single or convertible cuffs, ideal for cufflink use. Sport Shirts featured wide, open collars, sometimes with short sleeves, popular for leisure. (from Village

YOUTH Department

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May was Youth Month and so we featured our youngest member, Deglan Cunningham's 1930 Model A Tudor on this month's cover. Its also pictured on the bottom right. Deglan is also the owner of a 1930 Model A Phaeton and a Model A Pickup Truck. He has applied for the Model A Youth Restoration Award for his ongoing restoration of his Model A Pickup and we hope he will be one of those selected for an award.

Our Columbus Model A Club certainly welcomes participation from people of all ages and we enjoy having Blake Hudman's grandson Jack, pictured to the left, along at many of our meetings and activities. Jack always cheers things up with his enthusiasm and bright smile. He seems to have a budding interest in Model A Fords and I am sure will have great memories of riding along with his Grandfather Blake. Perhaps these experiences will lead to entering the hobby himself in the future.

Jack

Deglan's 1930 Tudor

Three Model A Fords to the Finger Lakes: A Columbus Model A Club Adventure

-From the trip log of Mike Brown-

Eight members of the Columbus Indiana Model A Club pointed their three faithful Model A Fords east on Friday May 8, and began the kind of journey that feels almost too good for modern times. John Prohaska and Ron Lawson rode in one car, Tim and Frieda Howell in another, and Dennis Meyer with Mike Brown in the third. Phil and Marge Sutton drove their modern car. Their destination was the Finger Lakes Region of New York, where they would join fellow enthusiasts for the Model A Restorer's Club 2026 National Tour and Membership Meet. But long before they reached Penn Yan, the trip had already become something bigger than a drive on a calendar. It was a rolling adventure, powered by old engines, good humor, and the sort of companionship that only grows stronger mile after mile.

The first two days on the road set the tone. There were lunches in Ohio, an overnight in Wooster, a stop at a fiber arts shop in Kinsman, and then the welcome sight of Jamestown, New York, by evening. By Sunday they had reached Penn Yan, the heart of their Finger Lakes stay, where lunch at Lake Life Brewery and dinner at the Main Deck marked the end of a long but satisfying approach. From there the trip unfolded like a scrapbook of Americana. They visited the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, the Underwood Museum in downtown Penn Yan, and the Finger Lakes Boating Museum. They attended the MARC general membership meeting, explored Corning Museum of Glass, and even steered their Model A's around Watkins Glen International Raceway—an unforgettable moment when cars built for country roads found themselves circling one of the most famous tracks in America. Another day carried them to Seneca Falls and the "It's a Wonderful Life" Museum, with one final farewell banquet bringing together the broader touring group in a fitting close to the official event.

Of course, no true old-car story is complete without a little drama. The return trip began smoothly enough, with the group leaving Penn Yan and tracing their way back through Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Then, on Saturday morning near Garrettsville, Ohio trouble announced itself with a burning smell from Dennis Meyer's engine, followed soon after by a hard knock that could not be ignored. John Prohaska went to work diagnosing the problem the old-fashioned way, checking each cylinder until the group concluded that Dennis's Model A should go no farther under its own power.

After several unsuccessful attempts to get help through AAA, assistance arrived from John's fellow MARC board member Josh Madden, who trailered the disabled car to safety in Ravenna. Luggage was divided between the remaining two cars, Dennis joined John and Ron, and Mike rode on with Tim and Frieda. It was a moment that revealed the real strength of the trip: not merely the machinery, but the people.

By the time the club reached Marysville, Ohio for the night and then finally rolled back into Indiana the next day, they had done more than attend a national tour. They had shared a genuine expedition—one full of meals, museums, laughter, mechanical ingenuity, and the quiet determination that has always kept Model A drivers moving forward. Three cars had left Columbus, two came home under their own power, and all six travelers returned with a story worth telling again and again.

Garage Tour Sparks a Great Start to the Season

By Jay Williamson

The Columbus Model A Club kicked off the pre-touring season in style on Saturday, May 23, with its annual garage tour—and a terrific turnout of 18 members made the day even more special. The event began with a helpful seminar on lubricating your Model A Ford chassis held in Jay Williamson's garage in Franklin. Jay instructed the group the subject. He offered special thanks to Tim Diehn for stepping in and helping fine-tune the instructions. It was a great way to start the day, giving members practical tips to keep their cars road-ready for the season ahead.

From there, the group headed south to Ronnie Lawson's shop near Columbus, where members enjoyed an up-close look at his workspace and picked up some lesser-known facts about Model A cars and accessories. Ronnie's knowledge and enthusiasm made this stop a highlight of the tour, and the club is grateful for his hospitality in opening his shop to the group.

Lunch at Grillers in Taylorsville gave everyone the chance to relax, enjoy a good meal, and catch up over lively conversation. While the stop ran a little longer than planned, no one seemed to mind—the fellowship was just as memorable as the food.

The final stop of the day was the home and farm of Tonya and Tom McLoed, where members were treated to a look at the airplane Tom is currently building—an impressive testament to the many talents within the club. Tonya also shared a beautifully restored 1938 Chevy Business Coupe, a project she completed with her grandfather. The car was not only stunning, but also a touching tribute to family, craftsmanship, and cherished memories. With such a successful garage tour behind them, club members are already looking ahead to the next outing: which will be a Model A tour to Oldenburg on June 6.

Underside of Jay's Coupe.

One of Ron Lawson's workshops

Model A's parked at the McLoed's

Model A's leaving Ron Lawson's property

Congratulations to Carmen Huddleston and Tim Diehn from our Columbus Region on winning the Jim Thomas Literary Award for 2025 at the National Tour/Membership Meet! John Prohaska accepted the award on their behalf.

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Meeting Minutes

Rob Kirkpatrick

Membership Meeting Minutes
El Nopal Mexican Restaurant, May 7, 2026
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tim Diehn

51 members were present: Paul and Tamara Arlin, Dick Bray, Thomas Bruce, Steve Butler, Justin Cleghorn, Deglan Cunningham, Jerry Curbox, Ed and Mary Dathe, Roger Dean, Tim Diehn, Christian and Susan Easton, John Emmering, Jerry and Deanna Glunt, Rex Hinkle, Blake and Michelle Hudman, Randy Hughey, Maurice Ketchum, Scott King, Rob and Debbie Kirkpatrick, Peter Kloosterman, Mike and Bev Marsh, Bryan and Alice Mattison, Don and Ellen McGlothlin, Larry Morlock, Albert and Roberta Ogden, Sid and Denise Pendygraft, Jack and Linda Sullivan, Randy and Angia Watts, Don Wesseler, Neil Wesseler, Jay and Caryn Williamson, Dan Young, plus Guests .

8 of Henry's Ladies waited patiently outside.
Minutes from the April meeting were approved.
Tim introduced and welcomed New Member Tom Abbett.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance		**$14,494.93**
Income		
Dues		80.00
Cash Box back in		260.00
50/50		64.00
Swap Gross		2,043.00
		$
	+	**2,447.00**
Expenses		
Swap Meet Kitchen Supplies		216.00
Cash Box Out		260.00
Fairground Rental		300.00
Newsletter		40.54
		$
	-	**816.54**
Ending Balance		**$16,125.39**

SWAP MEET		
Income		
Door		690
Vendor Spaces & Tables		420
Kitchen		700
Club Table		213
Party Chef		
Expenses	**$**	**2,023**
Kitchen		216
Rental		300
		516
Total		
	$	**1,507**

Care & Concerns

Linda reported that Kathy Meyer was in the hospital after emergency surgery. She is doing really well now and expects to come home tomorrow. Also, Linda & Jack's granddaughter has been in the hospital.

Touring Notes

- Jay Williamson reported the details of this Saturday's Garage Tour – Starting at his garage, then on to Ronnie Lawson's lifetime collection, and finishing up at Tonya & Tom McLeod's garage. Lunch afterward is planned for Grillerz in Taylorsville.
- The Oldenburg Tour in June 6th meets at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonalds in Franklin.
- The Hoosier Hills Club invites us to join them on June 13th for a joint tour to Odon, Indiana for Mexican lunch. Please let Chris Easton know if you plan to go. Meet at Ivy Tech in Bloomington.
- Larry Morlock will hold an auction on June 13th!
- Larry and Carol Pumphrey need to know ASAP if you plan to join the day trip on Saturday, June 28th to the Red Barn Summer Theare in Frankfort, IN (Approx 3 hours by Model A, no Interstate) to see the play "Wait Until Dark", followed by a meal next door - $45 per person includes the play *and* the meal – and rumor has it there may be an old ice cream parlor in the picture
- Dennis Meyer is leading the tour to Bardstown, KY now set for June 12-14. Leave at 8:30 a.m.at the Circle K station at 7&31
- Tim and Howell and Phil are planning an October Weekend Tour
- Linda and Phil Sullivan will be leading the Fall Foliage Tour starting October 31st

MARC National Meet – Rex Hinkle

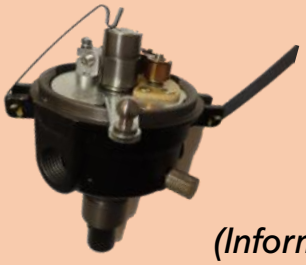
- Everything is going well!
- Registrations appear to be on track
- If you are not registered, please do so immediately. https://modelarestorersclub.org/frenchlick2026/
- Please plan to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours.
- The online storefront is operational for merchandise
- We need to sell 80 more t-shirts to meet the minimum commitment that the club needs to buy
- Susan Easton reports that 43 buckets have been donated so far for the fund-raising room, with many very appealing items
- The Welcome Party will be at the Pete Dye Golf Course
- Additional details & reminders carried over:
- For hotel reservations, call 888-936-9360 with the group code 0726MAR
- Do not call the 800 version of that number
- Prices are equal or less than the 2014 National Meet
- $177.00 + taxes, $201
- Tours are set and will be fun
- Meals will be offered at $29/person on Tuesday and Wednesday
- The Grand Tour will be to the Gasthof Restaurant in Montgomery, Indiana, featuring Amish Food

Swap Meet

- It went well
- We netted $1,507 for the coffers
- **New Business**
- Mike Brown won the $58 pot in the 50/50 drawing.
- **Program:** We played three games and it was **The Jerry Night**. Prizes were lottery tickets.
- Winners were 1) Jerry Curbox. 2) Jerry Glunt. 3) Jerry Curbox. They should go right out and buy more lottery tickets today!

- **Reminder to pay/renew your 2026 dues to the club and the Nationals.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Respectfully submitted, *Rob Kirkpatrick*



FORD MODEL "A" TECHNICAL TIPS

Check these items out On a new or rebuilt distributor

(Information from the Sanat Anita Model A Club Website)

This month I had two incidents of Model A distributor failure and am grateful to the assistance rendered by our President Tim Diehn. It turned out that the rebuilt distributor I purchased wasn't properly reamed or lubricated. Another lesson learned...John Emmering

1. **Check Proper Reaming & Fit (Shaft-to-Bushing Clearance)**
   - **Side Play:** The shaft must have **zero** side-to-side movement in the body. Push on the cam side-to-side; if you see the points gap open/close, the bushings are too loose or improperly reamed.
   - **Reaming/Fit:** The shaft should rotate freely 360 degrees without binding, but not be loose. The ideal clearance between the shaft and bushing is tight, around .001" to .002".
   - **Rotor-to-Body Gap:** Check that the rotor-to-body contact gap is approximately .025".
   - **Upper Plate Stability:** Ensure the upper plate does not wobble, which can cause erratic point gaps.
2. **Lubrication Check**
   - **Oiler Passage:** Rebuilt units often have blocked oil passages. Ensure the oiler hole leads down to the shaft, particularly for the top bushing.
   - **Drilled Shaft (Recommended):** If possible, ensure the shaft and cam screw are drilled to allow oil to reach the upper bushing.
3. **Lubrication Points:**
   - **Base Oiler:** Fill the oiler on the side of the distributor body with motor oil.
   - **Cam Lubrication:** Apply a *small* amount of cam lube or Vaseline to the cam lobes. Do not over-lube, or oil will reach the points and cause misfiring.
   - **Top Shaft:** Add a few drops of motor oil to the top of the cam screw.
4. **Final Assembly Check**
   - **Points Setting:** Set point gap to .018–.020".
   - **End Play:** The shaft should have minimal up-and-down movement (end play). It should be under .003".
5. **Electrical Test:** Ensure the point stud does not short against the distributor body.

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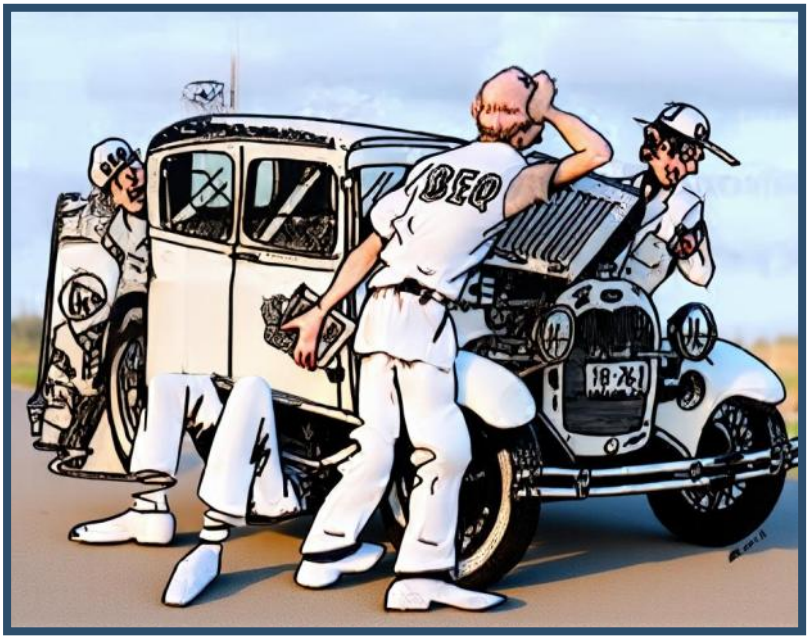
AUCTION: Model A Parts and Accessories Saturday June 13th

Larry Morlock is downsizing his inventory of Model A Parts and will be offering many of them at auction with Mensendiek Auctioneers at 7641 E 800 S, Elizabethtown, IN (about 10 miles south of Columbus) Look for the sale under the name of Eric Mize. He has manifolds, heaters, jacks, fans, brake parts, carburetor, axle housings, hood, fenders, bumpers, tire pumps, spare tire lock, cylinder heads, transmissions, oil pans and more. Items expected to be auctioned around 12:00 noon. For more information contact Larry at 812-371-6628 or l.morlock@att.net



"It's got to have an exhaust pipe", "Have you found the gas tank yet?", "Is this Model supposed to have a low-lead restrictor?", "Boy that's one heck of a catalytic converter".

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JUNE PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Dennis Meyer had some bad luck when his Model A began to experience engine trouble near Garrettsville, Ohio as the group was returning home from the Finger Lakes NY National Tour. Unable to continue, the group contacted MARC Board member John Madden who lives in the area. He responded and removed the car from the road and kept it safe until Dennis could retrieve his car and transport it home.