



# GOING PLACES



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November 2022 Edition

## Upcoming Events

**October 29**—Fall Foliage Tour (Sullivan)

**November 10**— Membership Meeting and Election of Officers - El Nopal 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting

**December 11**—Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN, 5pm, (Diehn)



**"Hard knocks have a place and value, but hard thinking goes farther in less time."**

- Henry Ford  
*Ford News*, January 1926

## President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

Our November Membership meeting is an important one. We will have the Election of the 2023 Leadership Team. Currently on the ballot, we have Tim Diehn President, Linda Sullivan Vice President, Phil Sutton Treasurer, Rob Kirkpatrick Secretary, and three Board Members, Christian Easton, John Emerick, and Dennis Meyer. Per our bylaws, our club elects this leadership team annually based on a majority vote of those members present at the November Membership Meeting. I highly encourage all current members to come to this meeting to vote.

You may have heard that the Mid-Hoosier club has made the difficult decision to close their MARC Region at the end of the year. Dwindling new membership and interest from the younger generation is a topic regularly discussed and debated, not just within the Model A hobby, but all such vehicle clubs. I've had recent opportunities to speak with Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club members and the American Truck Historical Society; both having similar laments. There was even a rampant (false) rumor at Hershey that 2022 would be the last year, presumably due to low interest. I have chosen to think differently and not worry about this. While not a 'head-in-the-sand' mentality (I recognize the change), but I rather focus on the positive comradery that we have, dispel the hobby myths, and share my excitement directly with others. Yes, our hobby is changing, but being positive and excited is infectious and the best way to promote our love for the vehicles of yesteryear. People will rally around positivity. Be that rallying point!

So, let's give the Mid-Hoosier folks that wish to join us a big, excited, and positive welcome!

— Tim

## Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, October 13, 2022

Meet was called to order by Vice President, Linda Sullivan at approximately 6:30PM

32 Members & 1 Guest Present: John Prohaska, Bill Nevels, Jack Sullivan, Linda Sullivan, Jack Schmeckeber, Marjorie Schmeckeber, Christian Easton, Susan Easton, Bryan Mattison, Alice Mattison, Deanna Glunt, Jerry Glunt, Ronnie Lawson, Katy Matthews, Lisa Lawson, Ed Dathe, Mary Dathe, Phil Sutton, John Emmering, Larry Morlock, Dennis Meyer, Kathy Meyer, Rob Kirkpatrick, Don Wesseler, Maurice Ketchum, Wayne Arnholt, Randy Watts, Angia Watts, Dick Bray, Sid Pendygraft, Denise Pendygraft, Tadd Burbrink, Tressa Burbrink.

Minutes from the September Membership Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report – Provided by Phil Sutton

Treasurer's Report			
Opening Balance			\$4,194.44
Income			
	50/50	\$34.00	
	Dues Paid	\$20.00	\$ 54.00
			\$4,248.44
Expenses			
	Newsletter	\$27.26	\$ 27.26
Ending Balance			\$4,221.18

Touring Update:

· Phil Sutton the Fall Tour (Oct. 14 – Oct 22) starts tomorrow. The schedule is such that members can participate in certain days or the whole trip. Departure point is McDonald's in Bloomington.

New Business – November Membership Meeting will be the Election of 2023 Officers.

Current slate is: Tim Diehn, President; Linda Sullivan, VP; Phil Sutton, Treasurer; Rob Kirkpatrick, Secretary.

Board Nominations: John Prohaska, John Emmering, Chris Easton, Dennis Meyer. (Vote for 3)

50/50 Drawing won by Kathy Meyer, two months in a row!

Linda Sullivan brought BINGO with prizes. We played for approximately one half hour.

Motion to close was made and seconded. Meeting ended at approximately 8PM.

Submitted by John Prohaska, Secretary

## Don's Secrets of Speed—It's A Runner and a Stunner!

By Tim Diehn

Back in [November 2020](#), I reported on Don Miller's 1928 Ford Model A Speedster project. Well, two years later and Don showed off his handy work and creativity at the October "Ford Meets The Hudson" get together at the Dathe's. Wow, what a stunner! Clearly, Don is talented and it certainly shows in this well built racer.

Don estimates he probably has doubled the



horsepower with the modifications to the engine. Previously I reported Don was unsure what carburetor setup he was going to use. Starting with a pair of motorcycle carbs, he changed that with a set of Strombergs.

Don continues to be proud (and rightfully so) of the creative work done to fit the

mid-'80's vintage F150 transmission that requires no frame modifications, as previously reported. And the 4th gear gives a 27% overdrive to ensure he can run the estimated 95 mph top speed. Not sure Don will drive it that fast, but nice to know it could!

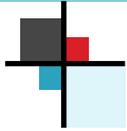


The family decided to stick with the original color that the previous body owner used; Gruen Green. Certainly a brilliant color that will not go unnoticed! The subtle yet nicely applied pin stripping gives the look it deserves.



To sit comfortably (and safely), Don found a pair of Jeep seats from a junk yard and had them redone in matching colors. Being a tall man, Don needed a bit more room to swing his feet in and out. So a curved section was removed from the cowl area to allow for this. Lastly, he fitted a pair of Guide headlamps to see in the night.

So, if you are ever in the Clay City area, maybe you will see Don cruising' down Main Street!



## Tour Updates:

### Oct 29 Fall Foliage Tour, Oldenburg, IN (Sullivan)

Jack and Linda will be taking us through some back country to enjoy the fall foliage. Let's meet at the Eastbrook Plaza in Columbus at 10am. Our destination will be Wagner's in Oldenburg for some good fried chicken. After lunch, we will head back towards Columbus for a late afternoon arrival. In addition to the fall colors, the tour includes 3 covered bridges, an orchard, Meltzer woods, and 2 zink grave markers. If you are thinking of going, please let Linda Sullivan (812-523-3674 or roadsterman1929@yahoo.com) know for a headcount.



## Christmas Party Time!

Please join us at the Seasons Lodge Event Center at 560 SR 46 Nashville, IN 47448 at 5pm on December 11th for the annual Christmas Party! In addition to a buffet style dinner, we will have some holiday fun. If you wish to participate in a White Elephant gift exchange, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift, one per family.

The buffet style dinner is \$20 per person which includes choice of 3 mains, sides and dessert. A cash bar will be available for drinks. The Club will pickup the remainder including gratuity.

Please RSVP (and pay) to Phil Sutton at 936 S, Hawthorne, Bloomington, IN 47401, (812) 336-8672

December 5th is the final RSVP date so we can get an accurate count for the Seasons.

Hope to see everyone there!



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# In the Rear View Mirror

## “The Fords meet the Hudsons” —October 1st

Submitted by Tim Diehn

A fun and friendly time was had at the Dathe’s home in Bloomington at the annual “Fords Meet the Hudsons” get together. What started as a friendly competition between marquees has turned into an annual event. Model As were well represented across the three clubs and down the road there were plenty of Hudson’s on display as well. A taco truck and the Dathe’s hospitality kept us fed and happy. Don Miller showed off his last creation (see previous article) and there were even some foreign jobs across the street. A British invasion coming to Highpoint Lane?



Ed lending a hand!

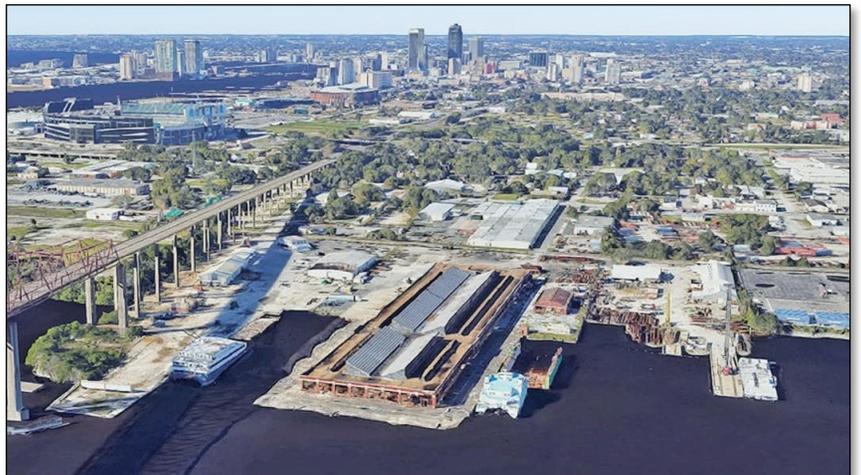


# Who is This? And What Are They Doing?



## Saying Good-bye to Former Model T and Model A Plant

While always sad to read about these demolitions, sometimes we just need to say goodbye. Given how this Jacksonville Florida plant was constructed over the river, sounds like this was the right decision. Luckily, our Indy plant has survived as well as many others around the country. Nice writeup and video link [First Coast News](#)



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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

Ignition cable and pop-out switch. Modern distributor housing plus spark plug cables. Roadster top small parts and tools. 6 volt head light spare parts. Complete top for A transmission-gear shift and parking brake. Lube chart, Ahooga horn-good shape, needs adjusting. Two old jacks, may be for V8. Asking \$100 dollars

**Contact Gary & Connie Lawless at 812-376-8172**

Jack Schmeckebier has 2 cars For Sale.

**Contact Jack at 812-344-8981**

1929 Ford Panel Truck  
Needs restoration  
\$6,000



1927 REO Flying Cloud  
Four door sedan  
\$11,000

