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Comments from the Coupe

Earl Gritton, President

It was good to see all of you who made it to the February meeting. You know that your Board of Directors are here to serve you and that is literally what they did at the February meeting - they hosted it. Special thanks to Jan and Karen for supplying and serving the sandwiches and to Chad, Lynette and their daughter, Tailyn for providing the valentine's day activities.

Chad has been accumulating ideas for tours, activities and such and we should have lots of interesting things to do in the months ahead.

The board has been considering the financial status of the club. As you know, we have been supplementing our income with funds we made from hosting the National Meet in 2004. Those funds have now reached the level where we must begin to balance our budget, either by reducing expenditures, increasing our income, or both. This is vital to maintaining our club. We urge you to give us your ideas and suggestions both in the way of activities you would like and ways to balance the budget.

One of the things that can be done is for those with the capability to receive their monthly newsletter electronically, to make arrangements with Tony to do so. Even those of us challenged with technological limitations can, if we have access to the internet, receive the newsletter in this way. If you need help, ask your children or grandchildren or anyone else you like for help. It will result in an immediate financial benefit to the club, you will receive your issue faster and it eliminates the damage that sometimes comes from mailing.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

February Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting was held February 10, at the Waterloo Library, with 25 attendees. Earl called meeting to order after a lunch hosted by the Board, Pledge of Allegiance said.

We were honored to have the new UNM Miss Northern States, Teen Tailyn Peck, daughter of Chad & Lynette, with us, crown and all. During lunch, she passed out some Valentine's paper-and-pencil games for us to work on.

Secretary: No changes noted to the January minutes as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer: Report given and accepted. Jan presented a breakdown of the 2022 and 2023 Income vs Expenses for everyone's information. A mini-discussion followed with ways we could increase income and decrease expenses: all suggestions will be forwarded to the Board to be discussed at their next meeting on February 18th.

Vice President: Vi Topel volunteered the Topel Business Garage for our Routine Maintenance Day on April 27th. A couple of mechanically knowledgeable people have already volunteered to be on-site helpers. Ron Griffin also volunteered his garage, but Vi beat him to it!

Saturday, June 29th, 12-2 pm, the Bruce Company will be hosting a Car Show and we are invited! Other car clubs

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February Board Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

Your Board met on Sunday, February 18, and we are encouraged by what seems to be optimism for good days ahead in the club. We discussed the Spring Maintenance Day at Topel's Garage, the June car show at Bruce Company and some other tours still in the works. We looked at the finances to have an accurate idea of where we are financially and what to do with that information. In February 2017, the club membership voted to use some savings to reduce the dinner cost of the annual banquet until the savings balance reached about \$5,000. The club has now reached that threshold and so will discontinue supplementing the cost of members' dinners effective with this November's banquet.

As to other ways to increase income and decrease expenses, your Board discussed each and every one of the ideas presented at the February meeting. If anyone has thought of something that wasn't suggested at the meeting, feel free to contact one of the Board members: Earl, Chad, Lowell, Jan or Richard. We also began the work of updating the Guidelines for the Club positions, as responsibilities may have changed since the last revision. The guidelines are meant to detail the responsibilities of each position so that everything is covered and nothing overlooked. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for March 10th, the day after our next Club meeting, on March 9th.

have been invited also, but we assured them that we could provide at least 10 cars. They are especially interested in Model A's! If you have a picture of your car, send/e-mail it to Chad Peck, it might be used on the flyer for the Show! Food trucks will be available for lunch. If you have a car but don't want to drive it yourself, enlist a family member!

Editor: Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month. We have 25 out of 64 members receiving newsletter electronically, which saves the Club money. He also reminded us that anyone can submit an article.

Sunshine: See newsletter.

Old Business: None

New Business: It was brought to our attention that the National MARC magazine does not have the current president's name and contact information. Earl will take care of that.

The question of the location of the sandwich board sign came up again. Tony will take the lead on this. We are going to want it for the Bruce Company Car Show.

Motion to dismiss was made by Paul Sillman and seconded. Afterwards, Paul Sillman had a mechanic's minute for those who were interested and Chad & Lynette brought materials for all of us to make Valentines for the Beaumont Nursing Home in Madison.

The only "A" I ever received was when I bought my Model A

Chad Peck, Vice-President

This year we would like to do as many car tours as possible, as well as safe as possible when on the tours. We would like to do a safety check and minor repairs on our cars before we are out these tours. This year's event will take place at Topel's Towing and Repair, in Lake Mills, on April 27th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Vi Topel is so excited that her family has this wonderful building. Her son, Dan, and his wife, Tara, have opened their doors for us many times and we cannot thank them enough. Rain or shine we'll be inside, warm and dry from Wisconsin's elements. We're looking for knowledgeable people to help lead the tune up. Bring your own tools and mark them so none get left behind.

Topel's are willing to order parts for us if you know of something you need. Ordering items must be sent to me on or before March 31st, so that they arrive before the event. Tune ups will be a first come first service. Topel's will provide the air for your air tools and will dispose of any oil, if needed.

I am planning a May tour called the End of an Era. This will cover the history of the GM plant in Janesville, that once made the city a booming city to live in from the 1920's until 2008, when the doors closed forever. I am still working on cost and waiting for confirmation from the museum staff.

As a reminder, there are some meeting dates still open, the months of May, June, August and September. Contact me if you are interested in hosting one of these.



March Monthly Meeting

Saturday, March 9th

Karl Junginger Memorial Library, Waterloo

The March monthly meeting will be held at the Karl Junginger Memorial Library in Waterloo. Doors will open at 12:30, with potluck lunch at 1:00.

Dale & Gloria Metcalf will be providing the main meal, coffee and water, members need to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Meeting to follow lunch.

For Sale • Wanted • Trade

For Sale: 1930 Model A Ford Town Sedan, formerly owned by Ed Moehrke. Blue with gray wheels. Good driver, could use cosmetics on exterior, interior not original. Accepting offers. Warren, (608) 838-8668.

Wanted: Headlight reflectors for Model A. Switching to LED, so they don't need to be perfect, but would want them presentable. Call/Text Tony (920) 478-4541.

For Sale: 1930 Town Sedan Deluxe. Frame up rebuild, intended for Touring Class judging. New Wood, exclusive Ford Maroon, painted stripe, Firestone tires, professionally installed L-B interior, really nice car. \$27K or good offer. See pics at www.concklin.net.

For Sale: 1928-29, Radiator fan shroud, \$40. Dale (715) 347-6166.

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor. Late 1990 body-off restoration with all orig. chassis, body and fenders. New interior. Converted to 12V. Runs & drives great, beautiful car! Asking \$13,900, OBO. John Holtan, (920) 470-4396.

Wanted: Model A cowl. Any year is OK. Roy Farley, (920) 224-5261.

For Sale: One set of front seat extension brackets for a Tudor Sedan. Extends approximately 5", in 1" increments. \$100. Don Paalman, (920) 540-0193.

For Sale: Model A powered Smith Air Compressor, trailer mounted factory unit, \$875. AA Marsh Tractor spoke front wheels, \$775. 2 – A powered saw rigs, \$350-\$650. Contact John Shaetz, (920) 566-4652.

For Sale: Project! 1929 Model A Speedster Rootlieb Kit. Orig. engine & suspension. Chassis is completed. Fenders, running boards, aprons are painted & installed. New tires. Wheels are powder coated apple green. Body work done and is in epoxy primer. Car is 90% completed, has WI title. Have too many other projects. \$10,000 in parts alone, just want to break even on parts. All my labor on this project is FREE. Contact Tom VanGemert, (920) 621-7994.

For Sale: 1929 Tudor Sedan. Very good condition, has not been used for a number of years, but is stored inside, and does run. Body is a light brown color. \$10,000. Contact owner Jim Paalman, (920) 585-3693 or Don Paalman, (920) 540-0193.

For Sale: 1/16 Scale Tractors: Case 800 and John Deere Model HN, made by Ertl Collectibles. All have rubber tires, steerable front end & still in orig. boxes. \$35/tractor, OBO. Call/Text Tony (920) 478-4541.

Send your Ad in by phone at (920) 478-4541 or email to wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com. Ads are free and shared with other Wisconsin Model A Clubs. Ads only run once, unless they are resubmitted.

Rosters are Available

The new club rosters are ready, and are again available in two different sizes. The smaller one is 2 1/2" x 4", the larger one is 3 1/2" x 5". Each member can get one roster.

You can pick up your roster at a meeting or by sending a SASE to the editor, and indicate what roster size(s) you want. The editor's address is listed with the Board of Directors. One stamp will cover the postage for mailing out two rosters.

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March Birthdays

7th Jim Wiederhoeft
9th Kimberly Hein-Beardsley
20th Madi Meyer 21
30th Cindy Lerdahl
Fritz Ragatz

March Anniversaries

6th Jim & Phyllis Wiederhoeft
17th Dennis & Jane Roberts Hughes
18th Jim & Marva Meinert
24th Steve & Carol Culbertson
26th Fritz & Barbara Ragatz

Newsletter deadline is noon on the 20th of the month, subject to change due to editor's and holiday schedule. News articles and other information relative to our old car hobby are encouraged to be submitted for publication by the members. Proper references and credits must be given if borrowed from another publication or the web. Material may be borrowed from this publication, provided proper credit is given to both the author and *The Badger's A*.

Upcoming Events

This is list of events we have so far, more may be added later. Non-Club events have an asterisk by the date.

March 9thMonthly Meeting
Dale & Gloria Metcalf/Waterloo Library
March 17th* Illinois Region MARC Winter Swap Meet
Friendly Ford/Roselle IL
April 4th-6th*MARC Membership Meet
Joliet, IL
April 13th.....Monthly Meeting
Bursaw & Walheim/Living Water Church, Sun Prairie
April 26th-28th* Jefferson Swap Meet
Jefferson WI
April 27th.....Model A Repair Day
Topel's Towing and Repair/Lake Mills
MayMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
May 21st-23rd*National MARC Tour
Berlin, OH
May 27th.....Memorial Day Parades
Monona and McFarland
JuneMonthly Meeting
Steve & Carol Culbertson/Location TBA
June 2nd* Rock Ford Model A Day
Clinton WI
June 29th..... The Bruce Company Car Show
The Bruce Company/Middleton WI
July 4th.....Fourth of July Parade
Columbus
July 11th-13th*Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet
Iola WI
July 13th.....Monthly Meeting
Tony & Karlene Sillman/Location TBD
July 15th-18th* MARC National Meet
Asheville NC
July 21stEdgerton Tobacco Day Parade
Edgerton
July 26th-28th*Wisconsin Model A Reunion
Wisconsin Rapids WI
August.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
September.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
September 14th*International Model A Ford Day
Drive your Model A, Promote our Hobby!
September*OkTopelFest
Topel's Towing and Repair/Lake Mills

New Members

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This is Fran's son, he is now driving his Model A.

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

Brighten these members' day with a card, phone call, or a visit

Vi Topel is home after a hospital stay and rehab, and is doing well.

The ambulance was called for Janice Mack at the February meeting. She is now doing fine.

Bill McMahon, a member of the CWC MARC/MAFCA, passed away on February 13th. Many of our members knew Bill from the Wisconsin Model A Reunion. We extend our deepest sympathies to Bill's family on their loss.

Routine Maintenance Day

Topel's Towing and Repair

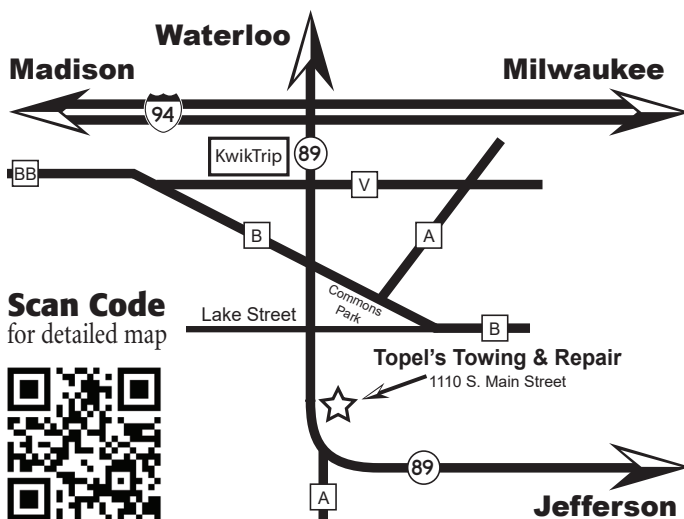
April 27th

Come join us at Topel's Towing & Repair, at 1110 South Main Street in Lake Mills, as we get our cars ready for driving season. The Topels are opening their garage space to us, so we can work on our cars, whilst staying out of the elements. This event will run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

This event is just for minor repairs and tune-ups, nothing big. Garage space and tune ups will be a first-come first-served. Bring your own tools, Topels will supply the air if you are bringing air-tools. If you need to borrow one of the club's specialty tools, contact Ralph Stromquist.

If you need any parts ordered for your repair, contact Chad Peck on or before March 31st. Topels will order them for us, and they will be delivered to the shop. Topels will also dispose of any oil for us.

Contact Chad with any questions or to volunteer to help with the Model A Repairs.



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