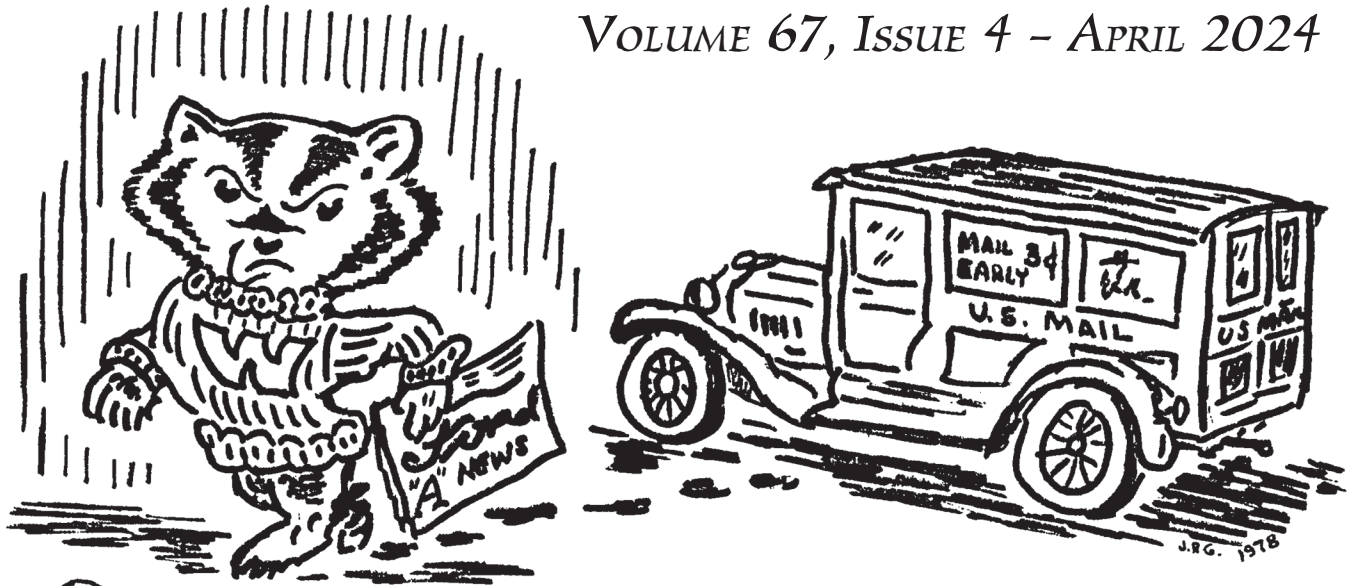


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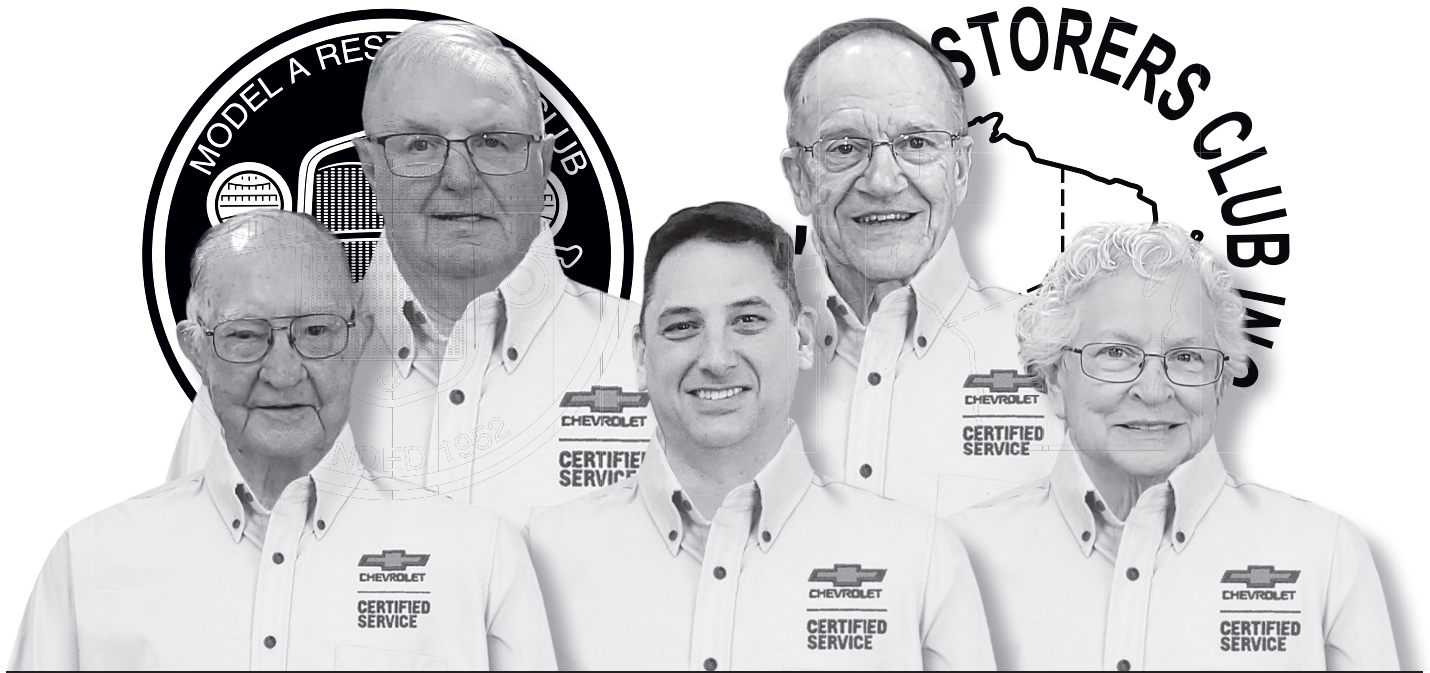


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Comments from the Coupe

Earl Gritton, President

Here we are, the end of March already. Time surely does fly when you're having fun. And speaking of fun it is always nice to see you and each other at our monthly meetings and other events.

Remember our next monthly meeting planned for the Sun Prairie location. We hope by holding our meetings at different locations, it will make it easier for everyone to attend.

Speaking of events, please keep the April 27 Model A Repair Day in mind. Vi Topel is pleased to have us use their shop and Ron Griffin is prepared to help with advice and even loan some tools to us for working on our cars. We want them all to be in good shape for the driving season.

Various venues are being considered for our meetings and there are several openings for hosts.

Look forward to seeing you at meetings and other events.

The only "A" I ever got....

Chad Peck, Vice-President

Here are some of the upcoming events that are planned.

April 27th is the Repair Clinic at Topels, see details in newsletter. Thank you to the Topels for allowing us to use their shop.

The Monona & McFarland Memorial Day parades are on May 27th, details in newsletter. Remember, these are paid events for the club, and we need 10 cars. We're also looking for additional sponsors.

June 2nd will bring the 35th Annual RockFord Model A Day in Clinton, WI. Tony & Karlene will lead a tour to this from Lake Mills, details in this newsletter.

Also in June, on the 22nd, we will have a Lake to Lake tour, from Lake Mills to Lake Geneva, to cruise on their Mailboat. This will be a 50-mile trip, one way. Look for information on this in the next newsletter.



March Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting was held on March 9, at KJM Library in Waterloo with 25 attendees. One new member, Thomas Urdiales was at the meeting, he has a 1930 Model A Tudor.

After a lunch hosted by Dale & Gloria Metcalf, the meeting was called to order by the President. Pledge was said.

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

Treasurer's Report: Given and accepted.

Vice President Report: Routine Maintenance Day on April 27 at Topel's Garage, details in the newsletter. Chad presented several ideas for trips, tours, outings to see if there was interest. Many seemed to be interested in a Lake Geneva boat trip. He is encouraging members to plan a tour. Talk to him about an idea, and he will help get it to happen. Chad now has the club sign for car shows.

The Memorial Day and McFarland parades are just around the corner. Tony was the past point person between the club and the organizers and is willing to do that again.

Sunshine Report: See article in newsletter. Bruce Droster shared that his mom, Mary Lou, is doing well.

Editor's Report: Tony has the new rosters available for pick up at the monthly meetings, or send him a SASE envelope.

Currently we have 9 advertisers who help support the newsletter. Matt McCord is taking over as advertising chairman from his dad, Don, who is stepping down.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Had a brief discussion about finances, then Earl asked "Why are you attending the monthly meetings?". Answers were varied. We were reminded that our meetings are a valuable place to ask questions about Model A related issues, mechanical problems, etc. and a face-to-face place to tap into the information pool of our members.

Carol Culbertson won the raffle of a Model A model, donated by Sharon Kohn. Motion to dismiss was made by Robert Anderson and seconded.

April Monthly Meeting

Saturday, April 13th

Living Water Church - Sun Prairie

The April monthly meeting will be held at the Living Water Church in Sun Prairie, located southwest of Costco at 3075 Prospect Drive. Enter into the lower level of the church to get the meeting location.

Doors will open at 12:30, with potluck lunch at 1:00. Harold & Carol Bursaw and Lowell & Karen Walheim are providing the main meal, coffee and water, members are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Meeting to follow lunch.

April Birthdays

5th Sue Ellen Bergey
6th Michele Meyer
9th Paul Sillman
18th Leroy Longseth

21st Marcia Himes
Vi Topel
25th Dixie Marquardt
Pam Fugina
29th Harold Bursaw

April Anniversaries

11th Henry & Clara Ford
19th Dale & Gloria Metcalf
26th Tony & Karlene Sillman



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.*

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.....RockFord Model A Day
Tour from Lake Mills to Clinton WI
June 22nd.....Lake Geneva US Mailboat Tour
Lake Geneva 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

Paid Advertising Chairman

After several years in this position, Don McCord is retiring as the Paid Advertising Chairman. His son, Matt, is stepping up to take over this position. Thanks to both Don, for his years of volunteering, and to Matt for taking over.

Matt's contact information is listed on the Board of Directors and Volunteers page. Let him know if you have anyone interested to be an advertiser in our newsletter.

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Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

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

Jim Malcheski had surgery, he is home and feeling good. Darlene Guetschow also had surgery. Sending get well wishes to them.

Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

A new advertiser has been added to our paper, Chem-Dry of Madison. Thanks to them, and all of our advertisers, for being in our paper. All of our advertisers help sponsor this newsletter, be sure to patronize and thank them.

The following was sent out via email to the membership. Since not everyone has email, or even reads their email, placing it here to make it official.

We have shared our newsletters with other clubs for quite awhile. In the days of old, the editor would bring the newsletters received to the meeting for the members to read through, and keep up on what other clubs are doing and for event ideas. This has not been done since everyone switched to electronic newsletters.

With permission from the other clubs we will be posting these shared newsletters to our website, for our members to read. The plan is to only post their last two newsletters, as we don't want it to be an archive. For our newsletter, we only post the last three. These shared newsletters are on the same page as our newsletters.

Thanks to You All!!

Thank you for the card and the get well messages after my surgery.
~Darlene Guetschow

Club Member in Theater Presentation

As announced at the March meeting, our Vice-President, Chad Peck, will be performing in the theater presentation of "Brand New Life: A Dust Bowl Musical", presented by the Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre, at the BDACT Fine Arts Center, in the Kamps Auditorium.

The show dates are Thursday, April 11; Friday, April 5 & 12; Saturday, April 6 & 13; and Sunday April 7 & 14. Rumor has it that tickets for this are going fast. For more details, or to purchase tickets, call (920) 885-6891, or on their website at <https://bdact.org> or.

Break a Leg, Chad.

Routine Maintenance Day

Topel's Towing and Repair • April 27th

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 so we can work on our cars. This event will run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

This is for minor repairs and tune-ups, nothing big. Garage space and tune-ups will be on a first-come first-served. They are also allowing us use of their lift.

Bring your own tools, they will supply the air if you are bringing air-tools, and will dispose of any oil or coolant for us. Oil can be purchased at the shop.

If you need to borrow one of the club's specialty tools, contact Ralph Stromquist before the event.

Contact Chad with any questions or to volunteer.



Rockford Model A Day

Sunday, June 2nd - Clinton WI

Tony & Karlene Sillman will lead a tour for this event. It will leave from the Lake Mills Cleaners & Dyers front driveway at 8:00, for a 40 mile drive to Clinton.

The event runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and only Model A's will be allowed in the downtown area. Modern vehicles are welcome, but need to park elsewhere. There'll be a swap meet, food, shopping, music and of course, Model A's.

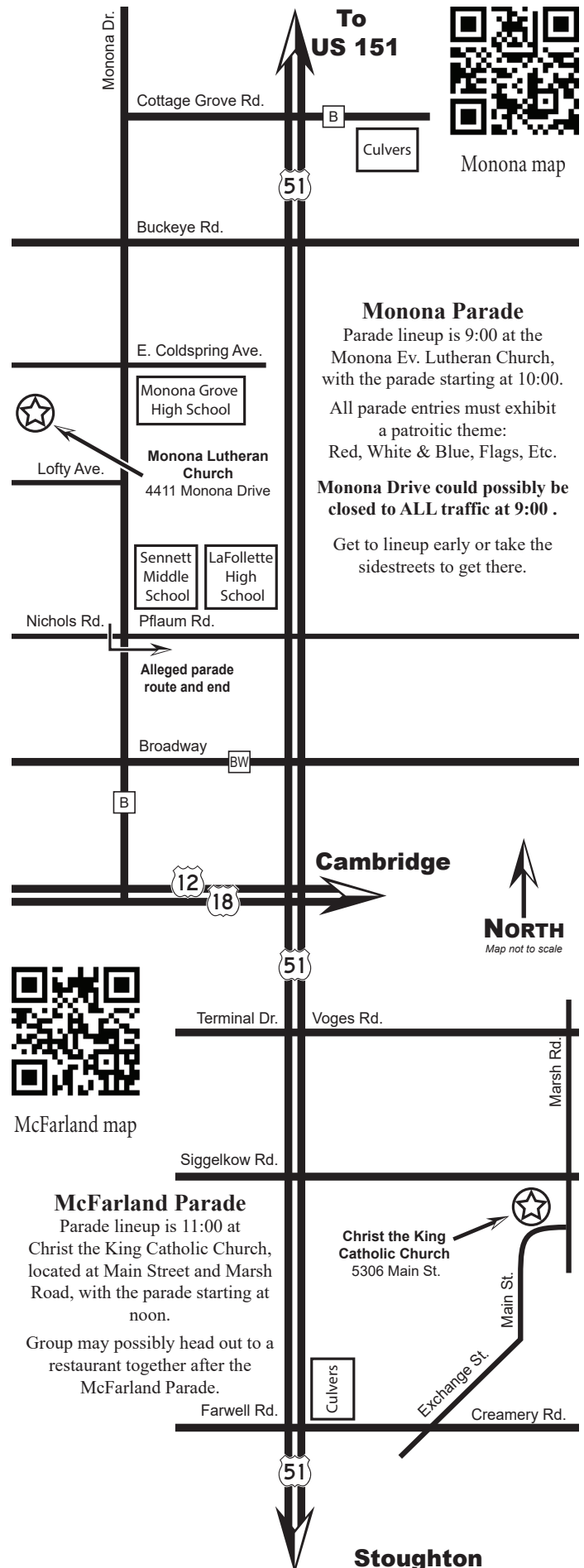
Memorial Day Parades

Monona & McFarland, May 27th

Monona will have the same route and start as last year. Lineup is 9:00 at Monona Lutheran Church. The parade starts at 10:00, and will head south. Monona Drive shuts down to traffic at 9:00, so be at the lineup before then.

McFarland's lineup and route are the same also. Lineup at Christ the King Catholic Church at 11:00, with the parade starting at noon. As in other years, Main Street will be partially blocked south of the church with trucks, so best to come from the north.

~Tony & Karlene Sillman



Monona Parade

Parade lineup is 9:00 at the Monona Ev. Lutheran Church, with the parade starting at 10:00.

All parade entries must exhibit a patriotic theme: Red, White & Blue, Flags, Etc.

Monona Drive could possibly be closed to ALL traffic at 9:00 .

Get to lineup early or take the sidestreets to get there.

McFarland Parade

Parade lineup is 11:00 at Christ the King Catholic Church, located at Main Street and Marsh Road, with the parade starting at noon.

Group may possibly head out to a restaurant together after the McFarland Parade.

Editor Note: One of the upsides of working in printing was being able to 'proof-read' some interesting articles as they came through your area. A downside was when a good article was continued on another page that you did not have. I ran across this article, and liked how it could pertain to everything in life: from building a model, restoring a Model A, running a club to building a family.

Everything I Needed to Know About Life, I Learned Building Models

By Tom Straw

Muscle Car Review, December 2010

Still a few years shy of legal driving age, and being unable to accelerate the calendar, my only automotive outlets were car magazines, doodling, slot cars, and scale model kits. Laboring at my basement workbench to bring forth my next great scale masterpiece, I learned the box contained more than a bunch of plastic parts, an instruction sheet, and some decals. It held some important life lessons that still apply today.

Some Assembly Required

The picture that they put on the box looks great, but the cold fact is the picture is a pipe dream. You don't just open the box and there it is. You have to build it, one piece at a time, one assembly at a time, not unlike (as I later found out) a diploma, a career, and a family.

Follow Instructions

It's tempting to bypass the mundane steps and skip ahead to the fun parts, but there's probably a reason that they tell you to do stuff like scrape the chrome off the grille before you glue it to the body, put the "glass" in before the interior, and put the wheels and axles through the chassis before gluing it to the body. Instructions were written by people who have already been down this path and determined the steps for success. Free-styling is risky.

Patience Pays Big Dividends

It's a fruit of the Spirit, and you can't be an artisan without it. Take the time to prep the parts. Test-fit them to make sure they're the right parts and not a mismatch. If they are the right parts, trim off the flash, sprue, and waste that might prevent a good fit. Only then is it time for glue. This alone would have saved me a divorce.

Complexity Is Its Own Downfall

Doors that open, steerable wheels, an operating trunk lid—the extra features are all cool, but they add to the build time, often don't fit right, are pretty fragile and are known to up and fall apart. I guess that shouldn't really be a surprise. These are models made of plastic and built by 11-year olds, not jeweled eggs by Fabergé. Features are alluring, but simplicity gets you farther down the road and keeps you out of trouble. Just ask the sub-prime lenders.

Paint's Tricky

It's the make-or-break step and you can't un-paint the car, so pay attention to the do's and don'ts. Do make sure you

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like the color. Do shake that can, even if it's not fun. Don't put it on too thick or you'll get a run. Don't touch wet paint. Yes, it's still wet. No, it didn't somehow dry in half the usual time. Some people are naturally good at some things, and some people are good at others. If paint is not your strong suit (it wasn't mine), get help.

Mistakes

They're inevitable, but take every effort to keep them minimal. Glue the wrong parts together and you'll need to cut them apart with a saw or an Xacto knife. It's messy and dangerous, and you'll have to handle tools that can cause pain and bleeding. Trust me, I still have numbness in one fingertip. With swords in the hands of the untrained it's likely that the wrong thing will get cut. An apology is noble, but not as noble as needing no apology.

Decals are like Kids

Soak 'em in warm water, they need that. Slide them carefully off the backing, then you've got a limited time to get them placed where they're supposed to be before their adhesive sets up and they get hard to move. Sometimes they stick to your finger and you have to peel 'em off. You know what I am saying, right?

The Work Reflects the Builder

Once the job is done and takes its place on your bookshelf or dresser, every time you look at it will remind you either of excellence and the discipline you exercised during its creation, or of corner-cutting and compromise and things that could have been done better. It will trigger either satisfaction in a job well done, or regret.

It's said that we first we make our habits, then our habits make us. Even as a kid building models, it's not too early to learn this.

Articles and Stories Wanted

Do you have an article or story that you want to share with the rest of the membership? If it is an article from another source, need to know where it is from, and when it ran.

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

For Sale: 1929 Model A Speedster Rootlieb Kit project. Orig. engine & suspension, chassis is completed, fenders, running boards, aprons are painted & installed, new tires, wheels are powder coated apple green, body work done & epoxy primed. 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.

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