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Comments from the Coupe

Earl Gritton, President

Thanks to all of you who made it to our annual banquet. There was a good turn out and it appeared everyone enjoyed the meal, the activities and visiting with each other. I wish to thank you for the honor of receiving the most valuable member award. I appreciate that and being able to help make our club a welcoming, pleasant experience. And thanks to you and your participation, especially the fund raising activities, we are on a sustaining basis financially.

The nominating committee of Dale Metcalf and Buzz Bursaw announced that Fritz Ragatz has agreed to be a candidate for our next Vice-President and Wade Blair has agreed to be a candidate for Member-at-Large. The terms of Chad and Lowell expire this year and they are not running for re-election. Additional candidates for these positions will be accepted up to the date of our elections at the club meeting December 7. Because at this time only one candidate for each position is available, and because including a ballot in the newsletter entails extra expense, there will not be a ballot in this newsletter. If you won't be able to make it to the December meeting you are welcome to mail your choices to our secretary, Jan Concklin, to reach her by December 7.

Tony announced that he will be stepping down from editor and webmaster, positions appointed by the president. At this time no one has volunteered to accept these responsibilities but we welcome any who are interested. Tony has spent a lot of time and effort in doing these jobs very well, but the duties are negotiable so please let us know if you would consider either of these responsibilities. Remember, this is your club and its viability is dependent on members accepting responsibility for all it takes to keep it going.

By now most of us have put our A's in storage for the winter months. Think about what activities you would like for the club during 2025 and let our new Vice-President and Activities Director know so these can be considered. We'll of course need to continue our fund raising activities such as car shows and parades. Would you like to have more opportunities to drive your cars? If so, where?

Please remember our next meeting December 7 at the Rose Garden restaurant, Watertown, hosted by Wade Blair.

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

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

Mary Perschke passed away on November 15th. Despite not having a Model A, she joined our club six years ago and enjoyed the friendship of other members and our tours. Sharon Kohn's brother and Karen Walheim's mother both passed away recently.

Our heartfelt condolences to their family and friends on the loss of their loved ones.

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For Sale: 1930 Model A Coupe project car. Has rumble seat, beautiful black paint on body & front fenders (not installed), rear fenders in primer, red pin stripping & matching powder-coated wheels, prof. installed L-B upholstery & freshly redone running gear. Engine looks like a total rebuild but actual work done is uncertain. Owner passed with car in process. \$9000 OBO. Richard, (608) 221-2198.

For Sale: Model A Front Spring Cover. Never used. \$30, OBO. Tony, (920) 350-2291.

Call or text your Ad in to (920) 350-2291 or email to wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com. Ads are free, but only run once, unless resubmitted. Deadline is the 15th, in order to be shared with other Wisconsin Model A Clubs.

January Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January newsletter is December 17th due to the holiday schedule. Classified ads must still be submitted by the 15th if you would like them to appear in the newsletters of the other Wisconsin Model A Clubs.

Wisconsin Model A Reunion

July 25th-27th, 2025

The 2025 Reunion planning meeting was held recently by the three clubs that still comprise the Wisconsin Model A Reunion.

The Reunion would like to remind us that even though our club is no longer a part of this group, we are still welcome to attend this annual event.

Participation was down this year, with an estimated 70 adults, 35 children, and 35 Model A's at the event. The camping area's electricity has now been connected.

For additional details about this event, visit the Reunion website at <http://www.wirapidmodela.com>.

LOOKING BACK AT PAST CLUB EVENTS

Annual Club Banquet

Club 60, Columbus

November 9th

The Board would like to thank everyone who had a part in the 2024 Banquet. To the 56 of you who came, thank you! To Paul Sillman, who asked the blessing over our meal, thank you! To Club 60, thank you for hot and delicious food. To those who donated so many item(s) for the raffle, thank you! To Chad & Lynette Peck, who officiated over the Raffle, thank you! To Fritz & Barb Ragatz, who cut and served the cake, thank you! And last, but not least, to the StarGrass Band, thank you; you were so much fun!

~Jan Concklin

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Are there any businesses you believe would benefit from advertising with us? After you contact them and ask them, send their information to Matt McCord, our Paid Advertising Coordinator.

Tools List

Just because the weather outside is frightful, doesn't mean you can't work on your Model A. Contact Steve Culbertson if you want to borrow club tools for your project.

- Engine lifting loop
- Brake lining riveting tool
- Engine lift hoist
- Valve guide removing tool
- Gas gauge tool
- King-Pin bushing reamer
- Hub puller
- Rear hub knock-off nut
- Tow bar
- Steering wheel puller
- Piston ring spreader
- Piston ring compressor
- Cylinder ridge cutter
- Armature growler
- Lacing rivet installation tools
- Letter & number punches
- Engine lift & head puller frame
- Transmission shifter assembly/disassembly tools
- Front-end toe-in adjustment frame

If you'd rather *winter* inside this year, Steve also has the club's videos. *How to Stop on a Dime, Carburetors & Carbohydrates, How to Avoid Fahrenheit Fright, Dial D for Distributor, Timing the Ignition, Ginnin' with Floyd & Lloyd* on VHS and the DVD *The Milestone Model "A" (the 20 Millionth Ford)*.

November Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Region MARC was held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Club 60 in Columbus at the conclusion of our annual banquet. A total of 56 members and guests were in attendance. Earl welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. We postponed the normal reports until the December meeting except for the Nominating Committee's report. We have two 2025 open positions and one name for each: Fritz Ragatz for Vice-President and Wade Blair for Member-at-Large. Voting will take place at our December meeting at the Rose Garden Restaurant in Watertown.

Jan reminded the members that 2025 dues are coming up and a check can either be mailed in or handed to her at the December Meeting. Dues are \$50 for the national and \$25 for the local club. You must belong to national to be part of our club. Chad presented Maxine Paxson with a certificate for her 60 years in the club, Ralph Stromquist a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service as the Keeper of the Tools and a certificate of participation to Wade Blair who didn't miss any events this past year.

The Club voted to award our 2024 Member Appreciation Award to Earl Gritton.

Earl adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone who had a part in the banquet.

December Club Meeting

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Rose Garden Restaurant, Watertown

Our next meeting will be held at the Rose Garden Restaurant in Watertown, where Wade Blair has a back room set aside for us until three o'clock. The eatery can be found next to Pick and Save at 500 Benard Street.

The social and meet and greet hours are set for 12:30 to 1:00. They will begin taking our food orders at 1:00. After our meal, there will be a meeting.



December Celebrations

Birthdays

Robert Anderson	Joan Lee
Jeff Bergey	Jim Malcheski
Conni Brandt	Marva Meinert
Steve Culbertson	Maxine Paxson
Dawn Gessner	McKinley Peck
Lanie Griffin	Barbara Ragatz
Ron Griffin	Douglas Severson
Virginia Gritton	Carolyn Simpson
Brandon Johnson	Martha Stromquist
Tom Junck	Thomas Urdiales
Sharon Kohn	

Anniversaries

Jim & Pat Malcheski

Club Dues are Due!!

The time to pay both your Local and National Dues is now, or this may be one of the last newsletters you'll receive. Dues are \$25 for local and \$50 for national; to be a member of the Wisconsin Region, you must also belong to the national. Send your check to Jan Concklin, our Secretary/Treasurer, or pay her at the December meeting.

Thanks to You All!!

Chad is doing well after his surgery. The doctor was able to remove the brain tumor and does not believe it is cancerous. He has a long road ahead, but the worst is behind. We would like to thank everyone that have reached out and appreciate the continued thoughts and prayers.

~Chad & Lynette Peck

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.

December 7th.....Monthly Meeting
Wade Blair/Rose Garden - Watertown

2025

January 11thMonthly Meeting
Earl Gritton & Roger Frey/Asbury Church, Madison

FebruaryMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

February 23rd*Annual Winter Swap Meet
Wisc Chapt MAFCA/Washington County Fairgrounds

March.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

April.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

April 11th-13th*MARC Membership Meet
Nashville, IN

April 25th-26th*Jefferson Swap Meet
Jefferson WI

MayMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

May*National Tour
TBD

May 26th.....Memorial Day Parades
Paid Event - Monona and McFarland

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National MARC Membership is required to join a local Region, due to by-laws. My National Membership number is (if already paid).

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along with your dues to:**

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