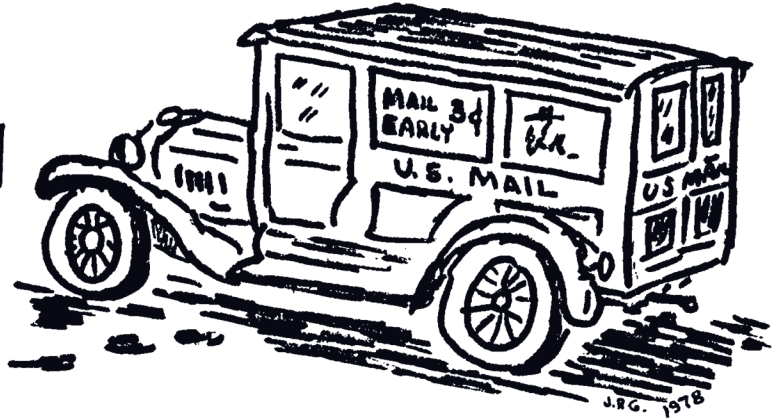


BADGER'S A NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 68, ISSUE 1 - JANUARY 2025



Happy New Year!

OFFICIAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION
Wisc. REGION M.A.R.C.

We are a Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club, Inc., and are dedicated to the preservation, use and exhibition of the Model "A" Ford, produced for the years 1928-1931, and literature pertaining to it.

www.wisconsinregionmarc.com

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS

President

Earl Gritton
6334 Shoreham Drive
Madison, WI 53711
(608) 271-4547
earlgritton@yahoo.com

Vice President

Fritz Ragatz
2609 Middleton Beach Road
Middleton, WI 53562
(608) 238-0909
fritzragatz@sbcglobal.com

Secretary/Treasurer

Jan Concklin
4818 Ferris Ave.
Madison, WI 53716
(608) 221-2198
jconcklin@tds.net

Board Member

Wade Blair
1306 Utah Street
Watertown, WI 53094
(920) 390-0297
blairwtalaris@gmail.com

Past-President

Richard Concklin
4818 Ferris Ave.
Madison, WI 53716
(608) 221-2198
rconcklin@tds.net

Club Tools

Steve Culbertson
243 W. Main Street
Evansville, WI 53536
(608) 712-4774
steve.grandpa@gmail.com

Paid Advertising

Matt McCord
5211 Bryne Road
Oregon, WI 53575
(608) 630-1410
droccm37@gmail.com

Historian

Lowell & Karen Walheim
308 Kleine Street
Deerfield, WI 53531
(608) 764-8078
karenwalheim@charter.net

Sunshine

Karen Walheim
308 Kleine Street
Deerfield, WI 53531
(608) 764-8078
wisconsinregionsunshine@gmail.com

MARC Mileage Program

Martha Sillman
222 S. Bristol St. Apt. 409
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
(920) 342-0367
sillmanpm@gmail.com

Name Badges

Harold & Carol Bursaw
816 Woodview Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
(608) 837-8017
carolbursaw@gmail.com

Editors

Tony & Karlene Sillman
W8210 Doepke Road
Waterloo, WI 53594
(920) 350-2291
wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com

Webmaster

Tony Sillman
W8210 Doepke Road
Waterloo, WI 53594
(920) 350-2291
wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com

Technical Hotline

Need advice on a repair or
maintenance of your "A"?
Steve Culbertson
(608) 712-4774



Comments from the Coupe

Earl Gritton, President

It was good to see all of you who made it to the meeting at Watertown. Thank you, Wade, for arranging this. It's nice to see everyone visiting together and enjoying each other's company. I'm always impressed with such interesting members we have, and keep learning about your talents, interests, hobbies, etc. What a great group! And some of you came away with door prizes donated by Marcia Himes, which she donated when moving from her home to an assisted living facility.

Congratulations to Fritz Ragatz for being elected to the Vice-President position and Wade Blair for being elected to the Member-at-Large position. We appreciate your being willing to serve the club in this way and look forward to working with you. And Chad and Lowell, thanks for your participation. It's been great serving with you.

We're pretty well set for next year except for the editor and web site positions. We encourage you to consider handling some of these activities or recommending others with the ability to help.

We are in need of hosts for our monthly meetings and for activities for next year. If you have suggestions for things you think our members would like to do, please let Fritz know.

I hope to see you at our January 11 monthly meeting at Asbury Church in Madison.

Have a Great Holiday Season. See you next year.

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

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

Chad Peck is still doing okay. He got his stitches removed. Other than some blurred vision and being tired he is doing good. He and Lynette thank everyone who have reached out and continue to think of him.

Tom Lee, a member of the CWC Chapter whom many of us knew from the annual Model A Reunion, passed away.

December Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Region MARC was held on Saturday, December 7 at the Rose Garden Restaurant in Watertown. A total of 26 members were in attendance.

Earl welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. After the pledge of allegiance, Earl Gritton thanked Wade Blair for organizing the meeting location. There were no guests and no new members in attendance. After distributing ballots and counting them up, Fritz Ragatz as Vice-President and Wade Blair as Member-at-Large were unanimously elected for the 2025-2026 term.

The Secretary's report was approved as printed in the last newsletter. Jan read the combined Treasurer's report for October-November. Approved as read.

Vice-President: Earl gave an update on Chad.

Editor: Rosters are still available. Tony gave a report on how much money we've saved on the e-version of our newsletter. Paid advertising also helps, and is \$45 for a year, new advertisers welcome.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Martha Sillman will be stepping down as our National Mileage Coordinator. Everything is done for 2024; need a volunteer for next driving season.

Sunshine: Karen read a thank you from the Drake family.

Mechanics Minute: Richard Concklin talked about adjusting your brakes and answered a couple of questions. Tony talked about a hidden 11% Rebate at Menards.

We had several door prizes of Model A items donated by Marcia Himes.

Motion to adjourn made by Lowell Walheim and seconded.

Roster Updates

Marcia Himes
c/o Madison Pointe
705 Ziegler Road Room 34
Madison, WI 53714

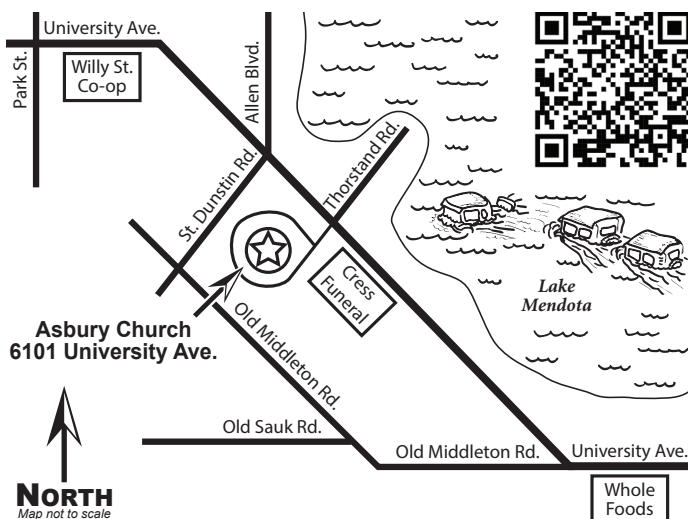
January Club Meeting

January 11th, 2025

Asbury Church, 6101 University Ave., Madison

The first meeting of the new year, and of the new board of directors, will be held at the Asbury Church on Saturday, January 11. The church is located at 6101 University Avenue, Madison, and our meeting room is on the main floor with rest rooms nearby, so no steps involved. Doors will open at 12:30, with potluck lunch at 1:00.

Hosts Roger Frey and Earl Gritton will provide the main meal, coffee, water and tableware. Members please bring a dish to share for the potluck. Meeting to follow lunch.



For Sale • Wanted • Trade

For Sale: 1930 Tudor project car, owner passed with car in process. Solid sheet metal, new top & headliner mostly installed, complete L-B interior with seats reupholstered & ready to put back into car, rear fenders in primer. \$7000. Motivated seller, take a look and make an offer. Richard, (608) 221-2198.

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. Motivated seller, take a look and make an offer. Richard, (608) 221-2198.

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

For Sale: 6 Volt - positive ground GM alternator with 3/4" pulley, painted black. Used but in good working order, \$75. Model A generator, \$10. Tom, (920) 787-5317.

For Sale: Two Model AA trucks: 1929 & 1928 AR. 2 Doodle Bugs. All 4 vehicles need work. (715) 393-5383.

For Sale: Nice set of 1930 front plain fenders. They are in excellent to mint condition, straight & no bead breaks. Some orig. black paint on the underside & old repaint outside. \$2600 for the pair. Jim, (262) 818-4342.

Wanted: Two front bucket seats from Tahoe Yukon-Ford SUV. The newer the better, would like beige or charcoal. Lee, (414) 573-0779, leave message.

For Sale: 1936 Chevy V8 Sedan. Automatic, power windows - brakes, new rear end. \$8,000. Call Lee at (414) 573-0779, leave message.

Wanted: Model A front axle with spring. Thomas Roitt, cell (920) 698-6482.

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.

59th ANNUAL GREATER MILWAUKEE AREA WINTER SWAP MEET

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Washington County Fairgrounds

3000 County PV/Pleasant Valley Road - West Bend WI

- Wisconsin's Largest Indoor Swap Meet
- Over 45,000 ft² Heated Indoor Vending Area
- Car Related Items for All Makes & Models
- Free Parking and Food Available
- Vintage Bicycle Items

DOORS OPEN 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

ADMISSION \$10, 12 & Under FREE

Automobile Questions? Call/Text Vicki at (262) 337-0426 or call Jeana at (414) 554-3088, email jangelini69@yahoo.com

Vintage Bicycle Questions? Call Jeff Olsen at (262) 989-5600

Sponsored by Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA
www.wichaptermafca.com

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*.

WE CAN HELP!

ChemDry is the World's LEADING Carpet Cleaning Company



- Upholstery Cleaning
- Area & Oriental Rugs
- Pet Urine & Odor Removal
- Specialty Stain Removal
- Tile & Stone Cleaning

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Dries in just 1-2 hours
- ✓ Leaves NO dirt attracting residue
- ✓ Healthier & safer carpet cleaning!

Josh Osting
608.481.6326
Dane County
608.271.5900

Mechanic's Minute

Easy Basic Brake Adjustment

Richard Concklin

I slammed on the brakes and barely stopped in time! Our brakes wear every time we push them and I had neglected the process below. Even if you are not a mechanic, you can do this and be safer as a result of it.

The brake adjusters are square rods that stick out from the backing plates under the car. They are about 3/4" long. You tighten the brakes by turning these clockwise and loosen them counter-clockwise.

They can be reached without crawling under the car. The fronts are at the top (12 o'clock) and the rears are at the very back (3 or 9 o'clock)

The adjusters move by notches. You will feel each notch as you turn the adjuster. If you're nervous about this and sure you'll screw something up, just count the notches and record the clicks on each wheel. That way you can always go back to where you started.

Jack up the wheel and turn the adjuster until the wheel locks. Then back-off until you can turn the wheel by hand in a full circle - usually 2-4 notches. Slight spotty drag is allowable as long as you can turn the wheel all the way by hand.

You need to do this with all four wheels. My numbers:

RF +22 to lock, -3 to turnable

LF +19 to lock, -2 to turnable

RR +11 to lock, -4 to turnable

LR +12 to lock, -4 to turnable

There are 10 clicks/revolution of the adjusting wedge

Mine were really worn; your plus numbers will probably be smaller.

Test drive: 20 mph slow and hard stops with hands off (but close to) the steering wheel. Car should stop in a straight line. Sharp pulling to either side indicates a more detailed adjustment may be needed.

McFARLAND FAMILY DENTAL

LELAND JUDD, D.D.S.

4831 LARSON BEACH ROAD
MCFARLAND WI 53558

VOICE 608.838.9731

FAX 608.838.9716

INFO@MCFARLANDDENTAL.COM



Zoe's PIZZERIA

DINE-IN • TAKEOUT • DELIVERY
604 EAST MAIN STREET - WAUNAKEE
(608) 849-7900 • ZOESPIZZERIA.COM

INSTY-PRINTS®

BUSINESS PRINTING & DIGITAL SERVICES

5401 Monona Drive
Monona, WI 53716

Bill Ayres, Jr.
Graphic Designer

www.insty-printsmonona.com

Phone: 608.222.3232

PC Email: ipmonona@tds.net

Cell: 608.513.3296

Mac Email: instymonona@tds.net

Fax: 608.222.5321

Jill Hoff, Owner
Accredited Jewelry Professional, GIA

TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00-5:30

SATURDAY: 9:00-12:00



111 S MAIN STREET
OREGON, WI 53575

608-835-3698

BERGEYJEWELRY.COM

JILL@BERGEYJEWELRY.COM

Culver's®

Culver's of Madison
4401 Cottage Grove Road
Madison, WI 53716

Welcome to delicious.®

Olson^{olsonautos.com} Auto Exchange, LLC

3447 Hwy 138, West
Stoughton, WI 53589
608-873-5264

Jack Olson 608-698-0108
John Olson 608-577-9264

olsonautos@tds.net

Olson Auto Exchange, LLC

We have an assortment of engine blocks,
manifolds, flywheels, starters, water pumps,
generators and other miscellaneous
Model A parts for sale at our shop.

Jack or John Olson at Olson Auto Exchange
(608) 873-5264 • Stoughton, WI

Lake Mills Cleaners & Dyers

"SERVING THE MADISON AREA SINCE 1938"

Laundry-Shirts-Furs-Leathers-Suede-Alterations
Draperies-Wedding Dress Preservation

Free
Pick-up
& Delivery

(608) 221-1964

Owners:
Lance & Ellie Tarnutzer

January Celebrations

Birthdays

Mike Birr
Michael Clinnin
Jan Concklin
John Fugina
Dick Markielewski
Jim Meinert
Dale Metcalf
Christine Norsetter
Karen Pertzborn
Lance Tarnutzer
Mary Vodak
Karren Zimmerman

Anniversaries

Richard & Jan Concklin
Ron & Tama Griffin

New Members

Lance and Ellie, whose family has advertised in our newsletter for several decades with Lake Mills Cleaners & Dyers, and whose father was a member of our club for several years, have decided to join our club.

Lance & Ellie Tarnutzer
160 Hoopen Road
Cambridge, WI 53523
(608) 695-2958
bigredstables2017@gmail.com

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.

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
JuneMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
June 1st RockFord Model A Day
Clinton WI
June 16th-20th* MARC National Meet
Gettysburg, PA
JulyMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
JulyEdgerton Tobacco Day Parade
Paid Event - Edgerton

Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

A New Year, a new computer and a slew of new problems as I try to break this new unit in. Hopefully all the problems were caught before sending this newsletter off to the printer. Did you spot the Model A's crossing the lake in the map for our next meeting? The insert illustration was drawn by Ed Moehrke to capture the essence of an overnight club tour to Waupaca, where it rained, constantly. I had it stored in my archives, waiting for the perfect moment to use it—and this seemed like an ideal spot.

You'll notice a member-submitted article in this newsletter, thanks to Richard Concklin for submitting it. Remember that anyone can submit an article for this newsletter. You need to give full credit if borrowing it from elsewhere. Are you an artist? Submit a cover image for our newsletter. Contact me for details.

For 2024, with having the e-newsletter option, 53% of the club dues went towards the newsletter. Without the electronic option, it would have taken 108% of the dues to do this. Yes, there would have been a deficit.

The 38% of our members that did the e-newsletter helped save the club from using 385 postage stamps (\$246.48) and 3 reams of paper.

We know that not everyone can do the e-option. If you can, please consider it, to help the club save money and keep our dues down.

Club MARC Mileage Coordinator Wanted

Martha Sillman, who has served as our club's MARC Mileage Coordinator, has announced she is stepping down from this position. The club is now looking for someone to take over this role.

This is a low-demand position that involves keeping track of the end-of-year mileage for members participating in the MARC event and sending the numbers to the national office. The work for 2024 has already been completed and submitted. If you have any questions about this position or are interested in volunteering, please contact Martha.

Thank You's Received

Thank you for the sympathy card and the donation in Dad's name. It's been a tough year and your thoughts are appreciated. ~Ken Drake and the Drake Family

Overlooked in last month's banquet report, I should have also acknowledged Dale & Gloria Metcalf's work on the details of the banquet. They did the Model A cutouts for the menu selection that aided the restaurant waitstaff in getting our food delivered so quickly. ~Jan Concklin

Thank you for the messages of sympathy after the death of my Mom. ~Karen Walheim

Tony and Karlene Sillman
The Badger's A Editors
W8210 Doepke Road
Waterloo, WI 53594



WISCONSIN REGION MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB APPLICATION

Our organization is dedicated to the preservation, use and exhibition of the Model A Ford produced for the years 1928-1931. *The Badger's A* newsletter is a publication which is sent monthly to our members.

Names (Please Include Spouse): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone-His: _____ Cell Phone-Hers: _____

E-mail-His: _____ E-mail-Hers: _____

Birthday-His: _____ Birthday-Hers: _____ Anniversary: _____

Cars: _____

Do you carry liability coverage on your antique car? _____

Other Auto Club memberships? _____

LOCAL DUES - \$25.00 (Jan. through Dec.) / NATIONAL DUES - \$50.00 / **TOTAL - \$75.00**

Membership in the National MARC is required to join a local Region, due to insurance coverage. My National Membership number is (if already paid).

**Please mail this application
along with your dues to:**

**Model A Restorers Club
c/o Jan Concklin
4818 Ferris Ave.
Madison, WI 53716**