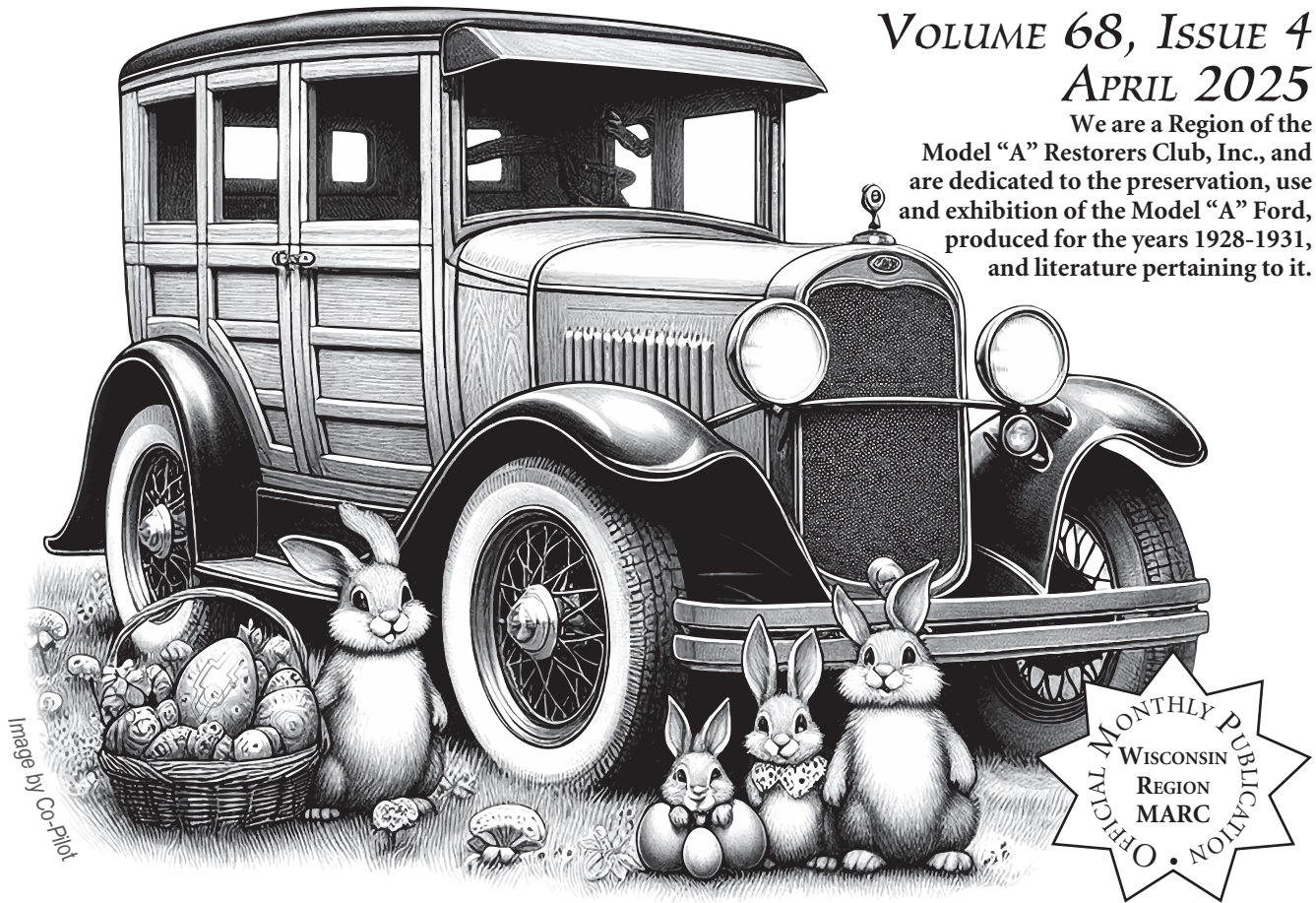


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Comments from the Coupe

Earl Gritton, President

At the conclusion of the March 15 monthly club meeting I announced that I am resigning from the position of president. This means that the vice president, Fritz Ragatz, is now your new president. As some of you know, aging comes at a price and the time has come for me to step down. This will be best for you and for me.

I appreciate the trust you placed in me by electing me to this position and for the support you have provided during my presidency. I have endeavored to serve your best interests. I am pleased to note that our financial situation has improved to the extent that we are now self-sustaining. This is because you have been so good in participating in the parades, car shows and in electing to receive your newsletters electronically, for those who are able to do so.

You have elected a great group of officers and the board of directors is serving you well. I will look forward to continuing to be a member of the board as past president. I do need to mention that the club members need to fill it's positions and take responsibility for filling these positions. It is also helpful to have volunteers to host the monthly meetings and to handle tours, parades, car shows, etc. Our vice president cannot do all of that himself and he needs persons to take on some of these responsibilities. We all want the club to be fulfilling to all of us and that includes not just getting together at meetings but doing things together, such as shows, parades, tours, etc. Please come up with things you'd like to do and accept responsibility for making them happen.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and you are a great group of people. I regard you all as friends. Now please give Fritz and the other officers all the support you can. Thank you.

March Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The Wisconsin Region MARC monthly meeting was held on Saturday, March 15 at the McFarland American Legion. Earl welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. After the pledge of allegiance, Earl thanked our hosts, Richard & Jan Concklin. There was a total of 27 members in attendance, no new members or guests & 3 Model A's in the parking lot. The Secretary's report was approved as printed in the last newsletter. Jan read the Treasurer's report for February. Motion to approve by Lowell Walheim.

Vice President report: Fritz talked about the Banquet and mentioned some options that he had investigated, but in the end, decided that we would go back to Club 60 and will finalize the date with them.

Fritz talked about the 2025 calendar. We have a sponsor for the July's Columbus parade, if we can guarantee a minimum number of cars. Contacted Culvers, but haven't heard back. Bruce Company is set for June 15. We are

invited to join a fund raiser in Cooksville on Tuesday June 17. We need meeting hosts and locations for May, June, July and September. Speak up if you have suggestions for tours this summer.

There was no Editor's Report.

In Karen's absence, there was no official Sunshine Report. See article in newsletter.

New Business: Wade Blair is the new Mileage Coordinator. Door prizes donated by Darlene Guetschow were won by Don McCord, Carolyn Simpson and Gus Gessner.

Earl Gritton read a letter submitting his resignation from the Presidency, effectively immediately. Fritz will assume the role of President and we need to fill the role of the VP.

Motion by Richard Concklin and seconded to officially express the Club's appreciation to Earl for stepping into the role of President at a time when the Club needed his leadership.

Motion to adjourn made by Judie Heiman and seconded.

March Board Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

Your Board met on March 10 at Earl's home. We discussed the Guidelines, our finances, the summer schedule, the annual Banquet and the monthly meeting schedule for 2025. We continue to ask for volunteers to lead a tour this summer since that's why we own Model A's: to drive them!!

April Club Meeting

Saturday, April 12th

Living Water Church - Sun Prairie

The April monthly meeting will be held at the Living Water Church in Sun Prairie at 3075 Prospect Drive. Drive around back and enter into the lower level. 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 Celebrations

Birthdays

Sue Ellen Bergey	Dixie Marquardt
Harold Bursaw	Michele Meyer
Pam Fugina	Paul Sillman
Marcia Himes	Vi Topel
Leroy Longseth	

Anniversaries

Dale & Gloria Metcalf	Tony & Karlene Sillman
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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 11th-13th*.....MARC Membership Meet
Nashville, IN

April 12th.....Monthly Meeting
Bursaw & Walheim/Living Water Church, Sun Prairie

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

MayMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

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

JuneMonthly Meeting
Culbertsons/Location TBD

June 1st*36th RockFord Model A Day
Clinton WI

June 16th-20th* MARC National Meet
Gettysburg, PA

June 17th*3rd Annual Old Guy Coffee Club Car Show
Cooksville, WI

JulyMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

JulyEdgerton Tobacco Day Parade
Possible Paid Event - Edgerton

July 4th.....Fourth of July Parade
Paid Event - Columbus, WI

July 10th-12th*Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet
Iola WI

July 25th-27th*Wisconsin Model A Reunion
Wisconsin Rapids WI

August.....Monthly Meeting
Host Needed!!/Olson Auto

August*Badger Steam & Gas Flea Market
Badger Steam & Gas Showgrounds/Baraboo

September.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

September*Hill & Valley Day
Baer Park /Cross Plains WI

September 13th*International Model A Ford Day
Drive your Model A, Promote our Hobby!

September 26th-27th*Jefferson Swap Meet
Jefferson WI

Roster Updates

I listed the wrong address for the Tarnutzers, please update your records:

Lance & Ellie Tarnutzer
180 Hoopen Road
Cambridge, WI 53523

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

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

Elaine Longseth passed on February 21st, at the age of 94. Survived by her husband Leroy, they were married for 70 years and joined our club in 1987 and were frequent participants at the Annual Model A Reunion. Elaine was known for baking delicious treats for our meetings. The club extends it's deepest sympathies to Leroy, their family and friends on their loss. Her memorial service will be on April 8th, located at the Madison Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church, at 1926 Elka Lane in Madison.

Maxine Paxson was in the hospital but is out now.

Chad Peck is doing better.

New National Mileage Chairperson

Wade Blair has volunteered to take on the position of National Mileage Chairperson. He will be taking this over from Martha Sillman who has been doing it since 2022. We thank Martha for her time doing this for our club.

The MARC Mileage Program gives national recognition for all miles driven in a Model A. Wade's role will be to submit the yearly mileage driven by participating Wisconsin Region members to the National Mileage Chairperson.

For more info on the Mileage Program, contact Wade Blair or see the MARC website at www.Model-A-Ford.org.



"A" SHARED RECIPE

Elaine Longseth was known for bringing wonderful baked treats to our meetings. She brought these to a Model A Reunion, and gave Karlene the recipe. It is still a family favorite.

Sugar Cookies

1 Cup White Sugar
1 Cup Powdered Sugar
1 Cup Oil
1 Cup Butter
Mix together these ingredients, then add 2 beaten eggs, mix and stir together. Add 2 tsp Vanilla, mix and stir in.
Mix and stir in:
3 1/2 Cups Flour
3/4 tsp Salt
1 tsp Baking Soda
1 tsp Cream of Tarter

Roll in balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down slightly, sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. May take a little less time depending on the ovens.

Note: Batter is soft, refrigerate when not panning cookies.

Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

Plans are in the works to possibly make the Model A the feature car at the Iola Car Show in 2028, in celebration of it's 100th Anniversary. Will I get my license plate this time? The last time the Model A was the feature car for Iola was 2002, and was also the year that the 20 Millionth Ford, a 1931 Model A, was unveiled after being restored. I was the Webmaster for the Iola Car Show at that time.

With knowing a little Ford history, I knew that in 1931 the 20 Millionth Ford was being driven state to state as a Ford promotion. Each state would give the car their license plate with the number 20000000 to mark the occasion. Since in 2002, Wisconsin would be the first state that this restored Model A would be revealed at, and it was going on a tour of the states, I suggested the Car Show should do the same in 2002. Raise the bar for the other states.

They created a couple of plates, I was supposed to get one, it was my idea after all. It went instead to someone who manged to talk their way into it. Sometimes you are the fly, sometimes you are the windshield.

This would be my one and only year as the Iola Webmaster. I was replaced by a company that did it for free.

At this Iola event, I did meet up with some guys, and we started discussing on forming a team to take a 1929 Model A Woody on next year's Great Race. This kicked off my 4-year stint on the Great Race as Webmaster and Mechanic, and eventually a driver, for the teams that I was on.

Memorial Day Parades

Monona & McFarland, May 26th

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.

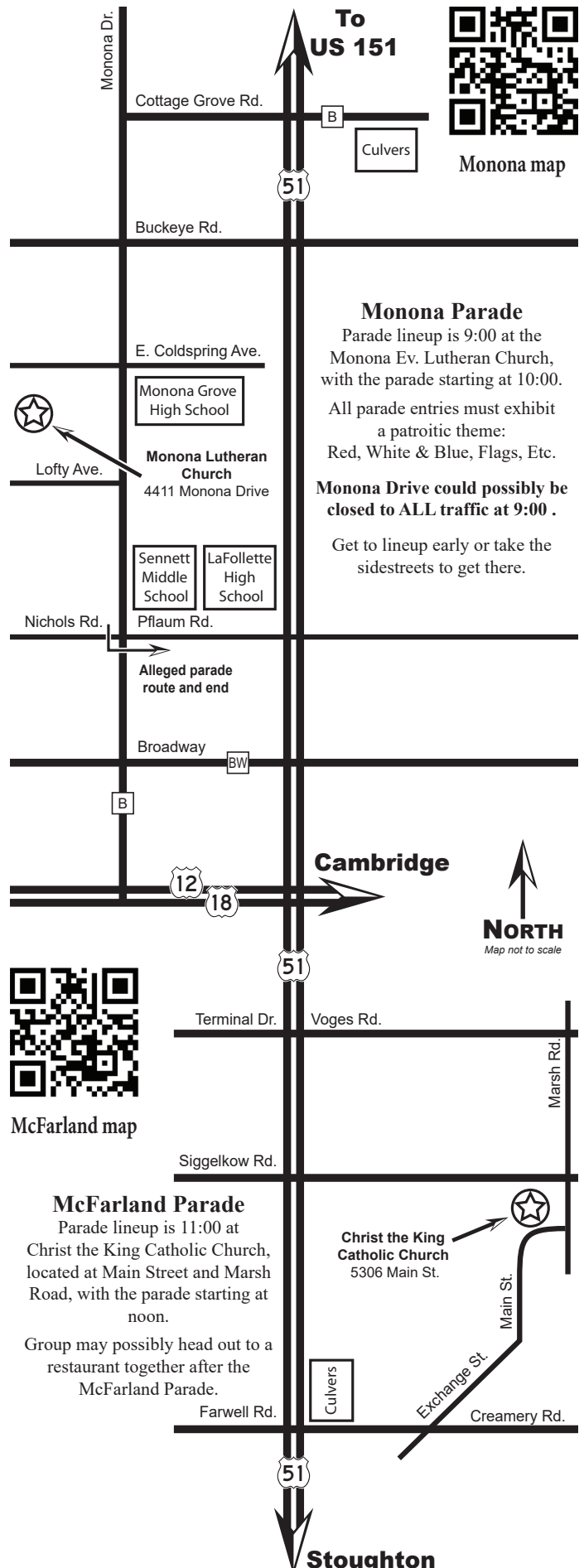
Remember, these are paid events for our club, but we need to have the correct number of cars to get paid. This is also a great chance for us to advertise our club to potential new members along the parade routes.

RockFord Model A Day

Sunday, June 1st - Clinton WI

This annual event runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and only Model A's will be allowed in the downtown area, modern vehicles need to park elsewhere. There'll be a swap meet, food, shopping, music and of course, Model A's. If you have not gone to this event's new location, check it out, it is 100% improvement over the Sharon location.

For those going, head south into Clinton on Highway 140.



The Running Board Report

MARC's monthly update from Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions - March 2025

Membership continues to hold relatively stable with January renewals. We're in the process of invoicing 2023 and 2024 members, who haven't renewed, hoping to reach people who missed renewal notices. We again ask all of our Regions to encourage new and existing members to join MARC. Don't forget about our expanded youth membership eligibility and our special membership rate for surviving spouses!

As a reminder, your MARC Board has extended our free one year membership offer to Region members who have never been MARC members. This membership includes

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Model A News mailing time. We have heard many complaints from members about the random arrival of the *Model A News*. The Board and our office staff are actively working on a resolution. The magazine was delivered from our printer directly to the post office on February 6th. Once delivered to the post office, the delivery of the magazine seems to vary by weeks depending on state and area mailed to.

We have verified with the printer that all magazines were delivered to the postal service at the same time, immediately after printing and have asked the postal service to investigate a number of times with no firm resolution.

We are continuing to attempt to resolve this problem and will keep everyone advised of our progress.

Please contact your local post office if you do not receive your magazine by the end of third week of April.

An announcement! Tom Hovetter has invited John Abrams, MARC's insurance agent, to attend the Gettysburg National

the digital version of the *Model A News* and all the other benefits of MARC membership. Give it a try!

Regarding MARC's Technical Chairman, you're probably aware that after serving more than 10 years, Ron Ehrenhofer has retired and Larry Shepard has volunteered to step up to fill his shoes. Larry is more than qualified for this role. A big thank you to both for your dedication to our organization. Committee announcement! The Driver Class Judging Standards Committee is pleased to announce that the judging standards are available on the MARC website. Just select Menu, Programs and Awards, then click on MARC Driver Class to view and download the standards! Participants having vehicles judged will be required to provide the scoring sheets at Gettysburg this summer.

meet this summer where he will conduct a free seminar to answer members questions about our insurance coverage. Please plan to attend and be prepared with questions that you or members of your Region have regarding our coverage!

Regions, as a reminder, your 2025 Region dues in the amount of \$25 are due. They can be paid via the MARC website, select Regions and click on register and pay by either credit card, PayPal or check. Please be ready to provide your 2025 officers information and MARC membership number.

Concerning membership, we've mailed invoices to members who have forgotten to renew. The response has been great! Don't forget that we have created several new membership types for both surviving spouses and youth, between the ages of 18 and 21, who may or may not reside at home. Retaining members who may no longer own a Model A, but still enjoy participating in MARC events, is something that a number of Regions have asked for. Attracting youth to our great hobby for FREE is a great way to grow Regional membership. Please contact any Board member for details. Have a great touring season!

2025 March MAFFI Minute

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

Through the generous donation of Gary & Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

Entering in the sweepstakes not only benefits the museum, you are entered to win this amazing car! Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc.'s website at www.maffi.org, click on Expansion and then click on Sweepstakes.

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) seeks to preserve Model A Fords and related artifacts and

memorabilia, encourage research, and educate present and future generations about the Model A Ford and its era.

Every year a special Model A Day celebration is held on the third weekend of September. You are encouraged to attend the two-day Model A only event, because all funds collected at the Gilmore Museum's gate that day are given to MAFFI to support the foundation and the Model A Ford Museum. By entering this Sweepstakes, you are becoming a part of a broader plan to help the Model A Museum expand.

You may also support the Model A Museum through Membership in MAFFI, and all donations and bequests are welcome and much appreciated.

Cindy Ellenbecker is also the Editor for the Nickle A Region, you can see her newsletters on our club website.

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Wanted: Gas gauge assembly for 1929 Model A. Mark Griffin, (920) 988-6364.

Wanted: Looking for 1941 Chevy farm truck with 12' bed. Mike Birr, (608) 628-3890 or mikebirr@aol.com.

Wanted: Light bar for a '30-'31 Model A. Don McCord, (608) 835-5627.

For Sale: Aluminum Rain Gutters for Model A Pickup, new. Part #A-47301-A. Fits '28-'31. \$10. Tony, (920) 350-2291.

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For Sale: 1928-29, Radiator Fan Shroud, \$40. Call Dale (715) 347-6166 or vidalevoss@wi-net.com.

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.

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*.

I Sold My Model A Today ...

By Tom Dodd, Sierra Chapter MAFCA

I sold my Model A today,

Twass sad to see it driven away.

I'll miss the children's looks of pleasure,

While driving those roads in such a treasure.

And those friendly honks from passers by,

My reacting with an Ahooga reply.

My pride of owning a piece of history,

To all who know me was not a mystery.

I learned to drive in a Model A,

Thank God for Dad's patience, in a way.

"Let the clutch out slowly," he'd sigh and smirk;

As that Model A would buck and jerk.

Practice proved the winner, finally,

Because that skill was needed mightily

To drive those years with friends in the club,

Great times and memories, far and above!

"You've got to let things go," I'm now told;

As life's page turns to getting old.

I've got a knee that tires from that clutch

And it's hard to do maintenance and such.

But, love for that Fordor will always stay,

And my dedication to the club won't ever sway.

I sold my Model A today;

But, with confidence, I can say,

"Though I decline and falter gracefully,

That Model A, with care, will function faithfully."

From The Flying Quail, Spring 2024, Sierra Chapter MAFCA

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WANTED TOURS & EVENTS

You are the ideal person to create a tour in your hometown area because you are the one who knows it the best. You need a destination, a starting location, and a route; stopping for lunch is optional. Think of some places we can go to and contact our Vice-President. He can assist you in taking your idea from a thought to an actual event.

WANTED PARADES & PARADE SPONSORS

Our group earns money from parade participation, which keeps dues low. We are seeking additional sponsors for our existing parades as well as other parades with sponsors. Any suggestions should be directed to the Vice-President. To save the VP from having to make any cold calls, please inquire with potential sponsors before forwarding.

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