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Last Minute Updates

Sunshine News

Fritz Ragatz has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and is opting not to treat it. He will be released from the hospital possibly the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. Hospice has been called. He and Barb are requesting no phone calls, but cards are always welcomed. Please keep Fritz and Barb in your thoughts and prayers.

Fritz & Barbara Ragatz
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Board of Directors

Due to Fritz's health, the club is in need of members to help run parades, tours and car shows. Contact a board member for more details.

Surprise Birthday Party

We were asked to forward onto our club members an invite for a surprise 80th birthday party for one of our former members, Terry Railing.

The event will be on Sunday, June 15th, from 3:00 to 5:00 at N5103 County Road G in Lake Mills. Of course, this is the same date as our paid car show at the Bruce Company. That show runs until 2:00.

RSVP to Terry's daughter Cheryl at (608) 923-2348 by May 31st. Again, this is a surprise, he doesn't know he's turning 80.

Roadster Runner

Fritz Ragatz, President

Due to Fritz feeling under the weather, a president's column was not written for this month.

Let's enjoy the nice weather whilst we have it, and get our Model A's out on the road. As Corky Coker used to say at each of the Great Race stops, "Go out and wear the tread off your tires..."

~Tony Sillman, Editor

May Board Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

We met on Saturday May 10 to discuss the upcoming calendar and to make sure we're all registered for the tune-up day, summer parades and shows.

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

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

Richard Gilbertson had a stroke in December. He was lucky to receive treatment quickly that saved his life.

Gus Gessner is currently under going treatments.

Fritz Ragatz was in the hospital for some tests.

Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

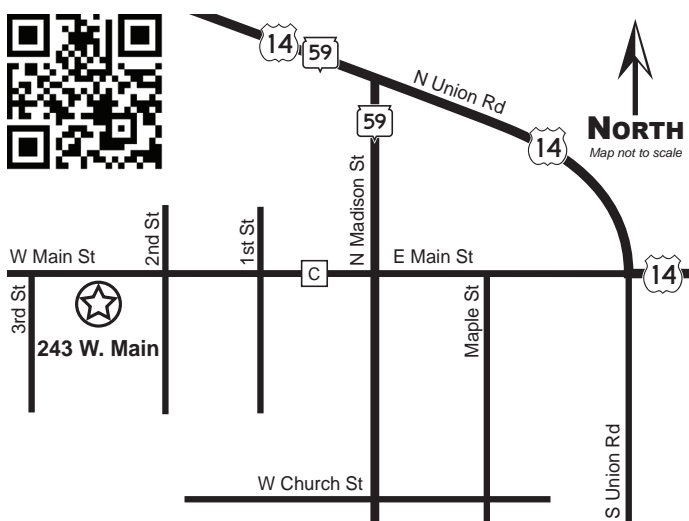
Congratulations to all the 2025 graduates, including our granddaughter, Myranda, who will graduate from Stoughton High School.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your monetary gift in memory of our mom. So many of our childhood memories revolve around the club. We know Mom and Dad had such a wonderful time being part of the club.

With heartfelt thanks.

~Todd for the Paxson family



May Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Region MARC was held on Saturday, May 17 at John & Jill Riley's farm in Cross Plains. Our President Fritz Ragatz was ill, so in his place past president Earl Gritton welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

After the pledge of allegiance, Earl thanked our hosts for hosting our location and to Roger Frey and himself for providing the food. There were no new members present; one guest Robert Choban from Greenville, SC, a friend of Roger Frey's, joined us. Phil Leavenworth, from the Model T Club, joined us later. A total of 27 members were in attendance, with 1 Model A in the parking lot.

The Secretary's report from March was approved as printed in the April newsletter. Since the April meeting was canceled because of Maxine Paxson's funeral, Jan read the Treasurer's reports for both March and April.

In the absence of our President, Jan talked about the upcoming meeting schedule: we would like a volunteer to host the food for September, location already reserved at the American Legion in McFarland.

She also went through the parade and show schedules for the 2025 calendar. Parades: Monona, McFarland, Lake Mills, Edgerton. By show of hands, there was sufficient interest to commit to the Columbus July 4th parade. Shows: Bruce Company June 15 11-2 pm. Tours: Paulson Ag Museum tour on September 6th.

We continue to urgently need an editor since Tony has given notice effective with the December newsletter.

Karen gave the Sunshine report.

Old Business: Wade Blair is the new Mileage Coordinator and talked about what that means.

New Business: Richard gave a mechanics minute on brake rods, and reminded everyone about the tune-up day on May 24th. Brake adjustments only, bring your own chair.

Earl asked the Rileys to tell a little about the history of the farm and some of the renovations.

Motion to adjourn made by Wade Blair and seconded.

June Club Meeting

Saturday, June 14th, 2025

Culbertson's House- 243 W. Main Street - Evansville

Steve & Carol Culbertson will host the next meeting on Saturday, June 14th, at their home in Evansville.

We are invited to start gathering at 12:30, with a potluck lunch at 1:00, followed by the meeting. The Culbertsons will be providing the main dish, coffee and water, members are asked to bring a dish to share.

Bring your Model A, or other vintage to the meeting. Park in front of the Culbertson's house on their side of the street. Parking is not allowed on the opposite side.

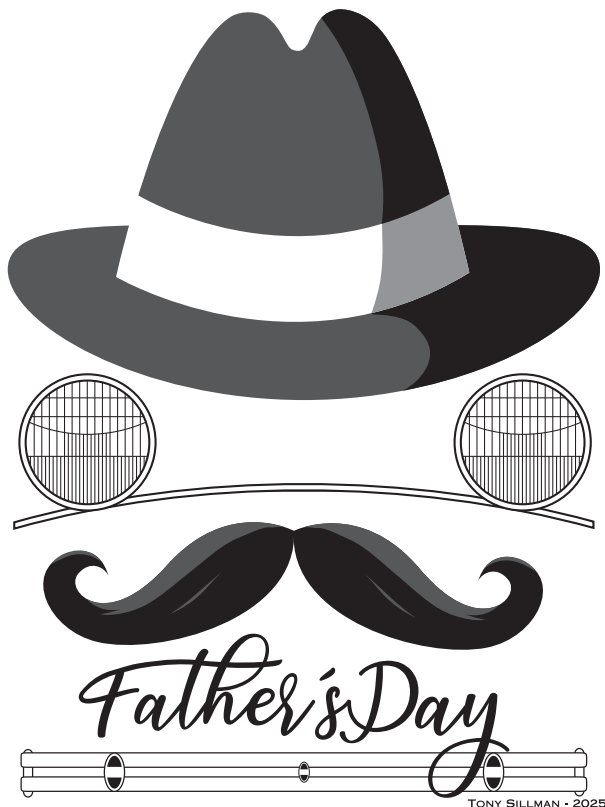
June Celebrations

Birthdays

Carol Bursaw	Chris Meyer
Charlotte Griffin	Lori Nussle
Colt Griffin	Wayne Schmiedlin
Bev Harris	Martha Sillman
Dennis Mack	Lowell Walheim
Matt McCord	

Anniversaries

John & Pam Fugina
 Tom & Linda Junc
 Jim & Joan Lee
 Wayne & Kathy Schmiedlin
 Roger & Mia Slane
 Lowell & Karen Walheim
 Robert & Karren Zimmerman



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.

June 1st 36th RockFord Model A Day
 Tour/Go Down on Your Own / Clinton WI
 June 14th.....Monthly Meeting
 Culbertson's/Evansville
 June 15th..... Car Show at The Bruce Company
 Paid Event/Middleton
 June 16th-20th* MARC National Meet
 Gettysburg, PA
 June 17th*3rd Annual Old Guy Coffee Club Car Show
 Cooksville, WI
 June 28th.....Lake Mills Town & Country Days Parade
 Paid Event - Lake Mills
 July 4th.....Fourth of July Parade
 Paid Event - Columbus, WI
 July 10th-12th* Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet
 Iola WI
 July 12th.....Monthly Meeting
 Bursaw's/Living Waters Church-Sun Prairie
 July 20th.....Edgerton Tobacco Day Parade
 Paid Event - Edgerton
 July 25th-27th* Wisconsin Model A Reunion
 Wisconsin Rapids WI
 August 3rd*Circus World Museum Car Show
 Baraboo WI
 August 9thMonthly Meeting
 Richard & Jan Concklin/Olson Auto-Stoughton
 August 8th-10th*35th Annual Nude Car Show
 Valley View Recreation Club/Cambridge
 August 15-17th* Badger Steam & Gas Flea Market
 Badger Steam & Gas Showgrounds/Baraboo
 September* Hill & Valley Day
 Baer Park /Cross Plains WI
 September 6th Tour to Paulson Ag Museum
 Wade Blair/Lake Mills WI to Argyle IL
 September 13thMonthly Meeting
 Host(s) Needed!!/McFarland American Legion

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The Model A *A poem by Rita McCord*

The Badger's A, December 1974

One day when I was feeling
 Blue and Gray.
 I went out and jumped into
 my old Model A.
 The clouds were hanging low in
 the dark blue sky.
 But they seemed to disappear when
 I started the A for a ride.
 We took all the old country roads
 in the Model A.

You know, that old thing seemed
 to know the way.
 If Grandpa could only see us now
 in this old A.
 He'd wish that he had his old
 Ford Cabriolet.
 He'd remember that sweet off beat sound
 that only a Model A Ford can give.
 Old Gramp would rise and come
 back and live.

May 2025 MAFFI Minute

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

The Model A Museum Expansion is moving along nicely. Get your next visit to the museum on your calendar and make your reservations (go to MAFFI.org and click on Model A Days).

- The Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Souvenir Gift is Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
- Model A Days are September 19 & 20, so get your room reserved to stay for the weekend. It promises to be a really exciting event, especially this year!
- And don't forget to enter the Sweepstakes for a chance to win the 1928 Ford Model A Phaeton! (Maffi.org and then click on Expansion).

Thank you for supporting the hobby we all love! 'Tis the season to drive those cars nationwide!

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

May 2025 Running Board Report

Monthly update from MARC's Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

We're excited to introduce your 2025 Board of Directors: President, Tom Hovetter; Vice President, Joe Valentine; Secretary, Chris DuVall; Treasurer, Paul Ganninger; Director of Publications, Bill Bass; Director of Membership & Public Relations, Joe Fox and Director of Regions, Jim Zimmer. We all look forward to serving for the next 12 months and have a full schedule ahead of us.

As you may know, one of several areas of focus by your Board during the past year was growing our membership. It now looks like we will meet or exceed our budgeted membership level. However, we'd certainly like to see continued membership growth. With that goal in mind, we're announcing a new membership initiative. ANY member of a Region, who has never previously been a MARC member, qualifies for a FREE 12 month trial membership, digital copy of the *Model A News*, and all of the other benefits of full membership. Call the MARC office at (734) 427-9050 to enroll.

Recently we learned that the international postage expense has increased that the cost of mailing the *Model A News* to some countries is more than \$12/issue. Due to the extremely high cost, your Board has decided to hold international membership dues to \$50/year, but offer only the digital version of the *Model A News* to our international members. Paper issues will still be available, but shipping will be at cost.

Certainly you've seen that Larry Shepard is our new Technical Chairman. Please direct any technical questions or tips to Larry. He would also like to communicate directly with all Region technical advisors. Email Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org to be added to his list.

Rockford Model A Day

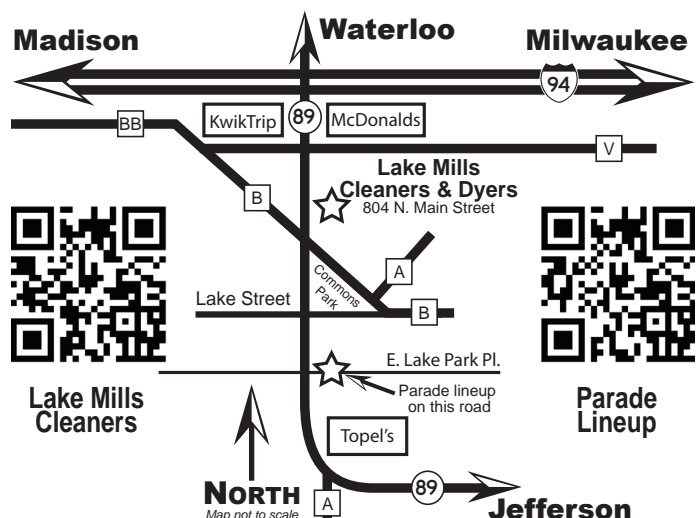
Sunday, June 1st - Clinton WI

Tony & Karlene will be leading a tour for this event from the Lake Mills Cleaners & Dyers front driveway at 7:30, for a 40 mile drive to Clinton.

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

For those who have not seen the new Model A Day venue since the move from Sharon, it is a 100% improvement. The stores are open and there is plenty to do and see. Would suggest bringing a chair along to relax in.

If joining the tour, scan the map QR Code for directions to the lineup. For those going on their own, scan the QR Code to the left for a map of the event location to figure out your best route. There are plenty of back roads to take to get there. Watch for event signs and people directing traffic



Map with lineup locations for the Model A Day Tour and the Lake Mills Town & Country Days Parade

Town & Country Days Parade

Saturday, June 28th - Lake Mills

We've been invited to participate again in the Lake Mills Town & Country Days Parade, thanks to Topel's Service and Towing for sponsoring us. This is a paid event, but we need to have the correct number of cars to get paid.

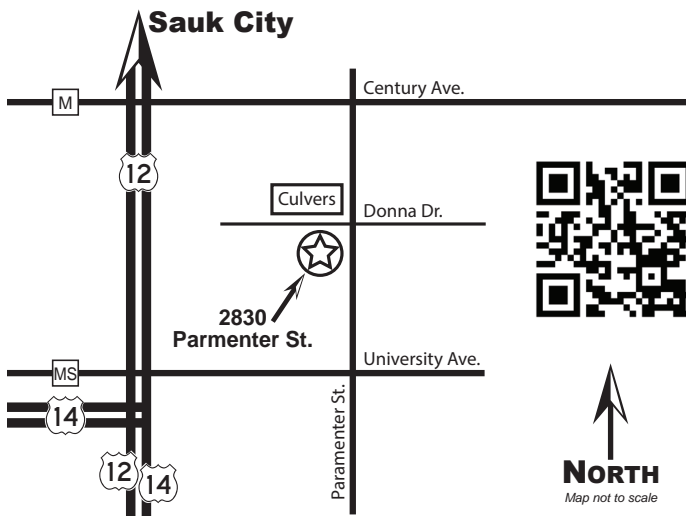
Lineup starts at 9:00 on East Lake Park Place, off of Main Street, with 10:00 being the latest you can arrive. The parade starts at 10:30.

The Bruce Company Car Show

Sunday, June 15th - Middleton

The Bruce Company at 2839 Parmenter Street in Middleton is having a car show on Father's Day, June 15th, from 11 am to 2 pm. This is a great opportunity to show our Model A's off and create some visibility for the Model A hobby.

Although there'll be other makes and models of cars, it's possible that this is a paid event for our club only, so do not discuss this. We have committed to 10 cars, but last year we had several more than that and Bruce Company was so delighted they invited us back on the spot!



Tuesday Morning Old Guy Club Car Show

Tuesday, June 17th - Cooksville

We're invited to an annual car show on Tuesday, June 17th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, at 11346 State Road 138 in Cooksville. A \$10/person entry donation goes to the Evansville Care Closet and Evansville AWARE programs. Even without a car, come and join other car enthusiasts. Donuts, ice cream and beverages provided, everyone is asked to bring their own lawn chair. Rain date will be June 18th. Call Big Bad John at (608) 698-6916 with questions.

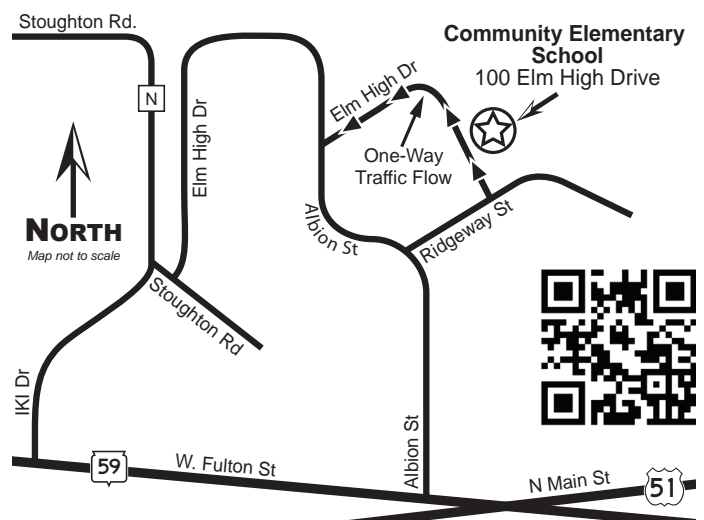
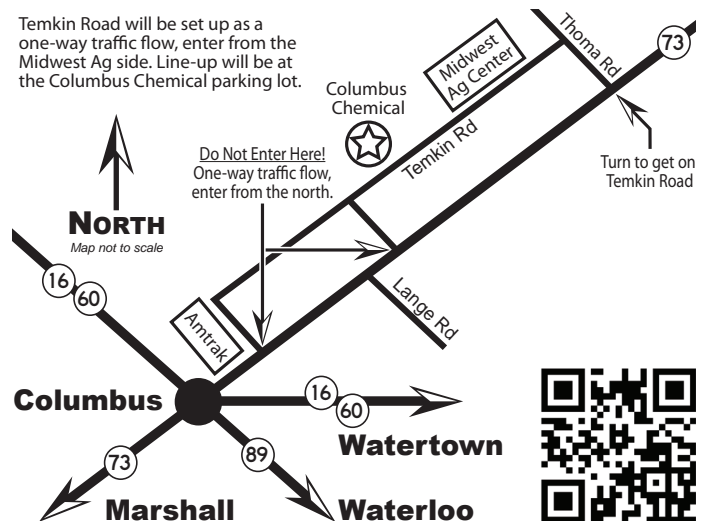


Columbus Fourth of July Parade

Thursday, July 4th

This is a paid event and we need at least 8 cars.

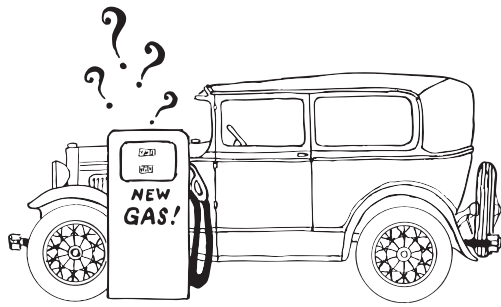
Lineup will be at Columbus Chemical, located at N4335 Temkin Road. Temkin Road will be set up as a one-way only flow, enter from the north, by the Midwest Ag Center. All participating cars need to be at the lineup by 11:00. Anyone arriving after that may cause us to be pushed to the back of the lineup. The 1.2 mile parade starts at 12:00. All entries need to be decorated appropriately to celebrate the Fourth. At a minimum, entries should be decorated with flags, bunting or other appropriate items. Only US or military flags, no political-biased modified ones.



Edgerton Tobacco Days Parade

Sunday, July 20th

Line up for this paid event will be at 10:30, in the area of the Community Elementary School off Elm High Drive, with the parade starting at 11:30. Please note that Elm High Drive will be set up as a one-way road for this event. Plans are to stop for lunch after the parade.



Mechanic's Minute

New Gas Available in our Area

We've all heard the horror stories of what can happen if you use gas containing ethanol in our Model A's, or even small engines. As a result, most of us opt to buy the premium gas that is ethanol-free. This premium gas is usually 91 octane, and more expensive. Our Model A's, or small engines, do not require that high of an octane value.

I have been seeing a new gas at some area Kwik Trip stations called N87, the N stands for non-ethanol. This is the same regular 87 octane gas we put in our modern cars, but is ethanol-free, so it is safe for use in both our Model A's and small engines.

On average, N87 is around 40¢ more than regular 87 octane gas with ethanol and 60¢ cheaper than the premium 91 octane ethanol-free gas.

~Tony Sillman

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**Please mail this application
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