



# Nickle "A" News

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**Message from Director, Roy Farley**



*The Model "A"*  
**RESTORERS CLUB**

The Nickle "A" Region of Wisconsin is dedicated to the restoration, driving, and preservation of the Model "A" Ford Automobile from 1928-1931. Nickel A is also a member of MARC: Model A Restorers Club



**2025**

Model A'ers:

And here we are going into 2025! How did that happen so fast? Our Christmas party, once again, was the big event of the year. Our group does love Christmas! We had 88 attendees and 45 bucket raffle items! Way to support the club, members! And how nice for all the 2024 award winners to have a large audience to applaud the efforts!

One of the treasurers of the Christmas party for me is a return of the younger members that we've watched grow up as part of this club. Young Lane Hegner, our 12-year old Doodlebug builder/driver; Andrew Arenas-Grube, relocated to Pensacola, Florida since the party with his Harbor Freight job; David Arenas-Grube with his stint in the Marines nearly up and a permanent job working where his dad, Alan, does; Dominic Abplanalp, our 14- year-old 4th generation Paalman Model A driver, and Brock Welch, now a Corrections Officer in Shawano! And although not quite as young, Austin Raeder and Timmy Welch ---award winners for all their lola work and Alex Raeder celebrating an engagement. A fun day of catching up, indeed.

Happy New Year Model A Friends,  
Roy



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# The Paalman family says, “Thanks!”

Happy holidays and thank you! My family and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Nickle A Model A Club for helping out financially with our daughter Paula’s traumatic year of health issues. Paula is working hard and she is doing well, considering where she started out! She is moving her left leg that the doctors thought she might never be able to move. She can transfer from a chair to her wheelchair and her speech is coming along. Best of all, she is always happy. We appreciate the members of this club for caring.

Pam and Steve Paalman

# Did someone say Nickle A Christmas party?



Nickle A Region
Annual Christmas Party | December 8, 2024 | Van Abel's of Hollandtown
Nickle A Region

## "FALL TOUR" WORD SEARCH

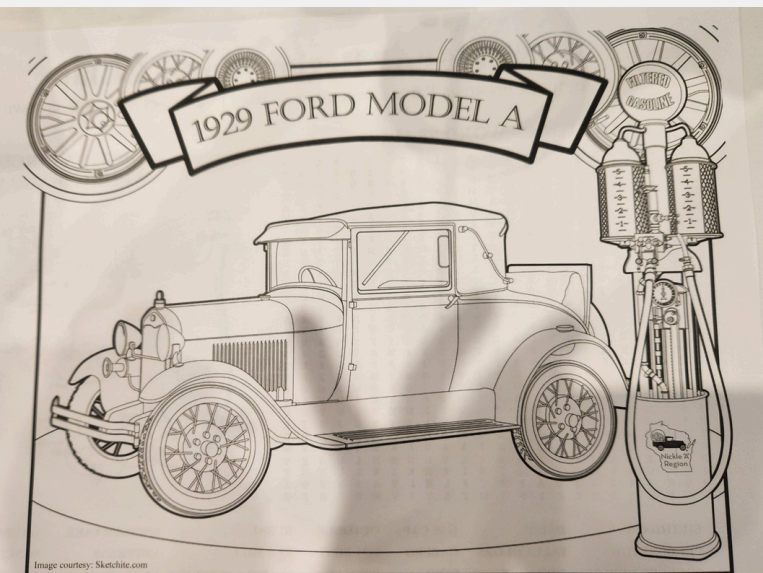
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### IGNITION CIRCUIT WIRING DIAGRAM

left: Jim Watermolen, **2023 Member of the Year** taking home his permanent trophy



right: **Joe Marx, 2024 Member of the Year** with his trophy. Joe has donated hours of time to the Iola Car Show and most of the door prizes year long to the Model A Club monthly meetings and those are only part of his contributions to the club.



And here's this year's version of our annual personalized placements, compliments of Kevin Ress. Reverse side is on previous page with word search.

# Timmy Welch and Austin Raeder recognized for Iola efforts!



Many of our club members work at Iola and several members camp there all week, working daily. Two of those weeklong members were recognized at the Christmas party for going above and beyond. Chairperson Fred Pennings said that the senior citizen members just plain “tucker out” by evening, and that Timmy, 35 yrs. old, and Austin, 27 yrs. old pick up the slack in the evenings and stay at the gates until 10p.m. In addition, they run many of the errands the senior crew just can’t keep up with. The Nickle A Club wanted to recognize these two young men for their efforts!



## The Pennings Cookie Jar prizes!

Alex Raeder and fiancée, Jadyn, read the names of the cookie jar door prize winners. Joan Pennings, cookie jar collector, parted with some of her Christmas collection for the Nickle A Christmas Party, making the occasion even more festive.



Picture at left . . . from the left:  
Great Grandpa, Don Paalman,  
Grandpa Steve Paalman,  
4th Generation Dominic Abplanalp

## Get to know member, Dominic Abplanalp

Meet one of our younger members, Dominic Abplanalp. He's the 4th generation of the Paalman family to fall in love with Model A's. Great Grandpa Don Paalman, Grandpa Steve Paalman, and Dominic all attended the Model A Christmas party so I had a chance to photograph the generations.

Dominic is a freshman in the Kimberly school system, and he says his favorite class is his building and construction class. Dominic also has a brother who is twelve. For those of you who don't know the family all that well, it is Dominic's mom, Paula, who had the stroke a few months back. So, the last several months have been challenging for everyone in the family, but Paula is determined, and Dominic is a forward thinker, so they both march on.

Dominic shared that his goal for 2025 is to get a good job; he's interested in a hands-on kind of job that isn't repetitive. If you have a lead for Dominic, please let him know!

Dominic became interested in Model A's when he began going to car shows with Grandpa Steve Paalman and riding shotgun with grandpa. Grandpa taught Dominic to drive a Model A in the backyard! So, when Dominic gets his license, he's all set to fire up the Model A and join us on road trips!

Dominic is learning the mechanical side of the Model A as well; he's been observing Grandpa and said he's there if Grandpa needs an extra set of hands ---nothing like generational learning!

In his free time, Dominic spends time with family these days, although he did say his ideal vacation would be a hunting and fishing trip.

Isn't it heartwarming to see young person interest in our hobby! Nickle A loves you Dominic!



And here is young Dominic taking the A for a spin!

## **The Nickle A Model A 1,000 mile Club for 2024**

- 1. Tom Schmidt with 1,008 miles**
- 2. Cindy Ellenbecker with 1,070 miles**
- 3. Dick Ziegert with 1,176 miles**
- 4. George Bresnahan with 1,510 miles**
- 5. Jerry Braasch with 1,605 miles**
- 6. Dennis Voss with 1,672 miles**
- 7. Mike Ehmen with 2,110 miles**
- 8. Jim Hameister with 2,336 miles**
- 9. Bob Hegner with 3,204 miles**

# Upcoming Model A Events

2025 MARC Membership Meet  
April 11th thru 13th, 2025  
Nashville, Indiana

2025 MARC National Meet  
June 16th thru 20th  
Gettysburg, PA

2025 Wisconsin Model A  
Reunion  
July 25, 26, 27th  
Early Camping opens on Wed

**Next Nickle A Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 18, 2025**  
**at Marketplace,**  
**St. Elizabeth's Hospital,**  
**1506 S. Oneida St.**  
**Appleton, WI**  
**(use Fremont Street entrance)**  
**9a.m. breakfast - You buy**  
**10a.m. - Meeting begins**

## Fun trivia:

1. Roy and Julie Farley won perfect meeting attendance awards for 2024
2. The Christmas party raffle basket proceeds netted \$1,145.00
3. The 50/50 drawing ticket winner for December was Mike Yanacek

## January Birthday Babies!



Jerry Braasch  
Lynn Cassidy  
Jim Garrigan  
Jim Gilson  
Ron Green  
Eric Haban  
Mary Lou Hegner  
Fred Pennings  
Brooke Reichwald  
Georgia Schaetz  
Ray Schmoeker  
Dennis Voss  
Tina Watermolen  
Jean Woefel



## Anniversaries

Chuck/Karen Hockers  
Craig/Kate Vosters  
Tim/Janie Welch



## Classified ads

To place an ad, please contact your editor, Cindy Ellenbecker at bhavenfiberarts@yahoo.com or 920-286-0971. **Ads run for ONE MONTH unless you notify Cindy to run them again for next month. Ads are due on the 20th of the month, but if you want them to be shared with other Model A clubs in the state, ads need to be submitted by the 15th of the month.**

### Nickle A Model A Club Ads

For Sale: 1931 Ford Model A slant windshield  
\$ 11,000 Contact Dick Ziegert 920-725-7810  
or [polka635@gmail.com](mailto:polka635@gmail.com) for details



### Madison area Model A Club Ads

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.

### Central Wisconsin Model A Club Ad

For Sale: 6 Volt - positive ground GM alternator with 3/4" pulley - painted black. Used but in good working order. \$75.00 Call: Tom at 920-787-5317

# It's time to pay your dues for 2025!!

**Make annual dues \$20.00 checks out to: Nickle A Model A Club. Mail check to Treasurer: Fred Pennings, 2201 Kavanaugh Road. Kaukauna, WI 54130**

We need this information updated annually!

His name \_\_\_\_\_ confirm birth month \_\_\_\_\_

Her name \_\_\_\_\_ confirm birth month \_\_\_\_\_

Confirm Anniversary month \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, and zip code please): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s: Landline \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

MARC member number \_\_\_\_\_

Model A (s) owned: Year/Style \_\_\_\_\_



**Each year Roy and Julie Farley, Fred and Joan Pennings, Jim and Lisa Watermolen, and Kevin and Nicole Nohls-Ress put a whole lot of time into putting our Christmas party together. Please personally thank them when you see them!**