



# Nickle "A" News

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**DECEMBER 2024**

**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



Model A'ers:

First, Happy Thanksgiving! As you may remember, both Julie and I come from large families, so this time of year is especially precious (and busy) for us. And then we are blessed to have our Model A family as well.

Our much beloved Christmas party is just two weeks away. It's always been a fun event because so many of you who we don't always get to see come out to celebrate with us. And bring on those baskets for the raffle!

We have the MARC Membership issue sorted out too now. MARC had reported 23 Nickle A members last month, but once we sent them our roster, 14 more names were added because MARC did not know those folks were part of the Nickle A Club, so we stand at 37 MARC members from our club (30% of our membership). That is 24 members down from Jerry Braasch's 2020 list. Consider a membership at this time of giving to keep our national organization healthy.

And on these shorter daylight days with snowy days, be thinking about some places we might drive to with our A's in 2025. Jim Hameister is always appreciative of help planning rides!

Merry Christmas,  
Roy



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Model A photos of the Lukas pop up ride!

# Late Fall Pop-Up Ride

by Chuck Lukas

Friday, October 25, members of our Model A Club traveled to Central County Airport near Iola for their pilot's lunch. We had one small snag with an uncooperative car, but it was quickly resolved.

There were 17 members and 11 Model A's. We had hamburgers and brats, beans, potato salad and cheesy pasta salad. Of course, there were many choices for homemade desserts with ice cream.

Most of the people at the airport were pilots and they all enjoyed looking over our cars. All in all, it was a beautiful day for a ride with plenty of fall colors.



## **November 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at Winchester Town Hall with 45 members present. Meeting called to order at 1:06p.m. by Director Roy Farley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests-** John Cullen (new member)

**Director Report** – Most Important is Veteran’s Day tomorrow. Thank you to all our veterans for your service. Voting for outstanding member today, and will be announced at the Christmas Party December 8th. It is also time to nominate club officers and seeing there were no nominees that came forward the current officers agreed to stay on another year.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Approved as read by Fred Pennings 1st Dennis V.; 2nd Jake W.

Cash and Prizes were won for being in attendance.

**Secretary’s Report** – Approved as in newsletter. 1st Jake W.; 2nd Kris P.

**Vice Director’s Report** – Turn in your mileage to Jim H.

**Librarian’s Report** – If you are in need of a book before spring rolls around contact MaryLou or Gene.

**Donnas Sunshine Report-** nothing to report.

**Old Business-** MARC is offering 1st year free for signing up. Give MARC your email address for email notifications and to receive the Model “A” News through email.

**Iola Report-** Iola Shack has new siding, new windows and a new door which will be more functional. We could use shelving if you have any that you would want to get rid of: let Joe M. know. It’s looking nice. Workers have couple more weeks at Iola before the winter break, currently have about 500 hours. A committee was developed to discuss Iola funds with George, Tom, Fred, Joe and Roy on the committee.

**New Business-** nothing to report

**Birthday & Anniversaries** were read by Julie F.

**Swap and Sell-** 1932 License plate \$100 contact Jim M.

**Next Meeting-** Christmas Party December 8th at Van Abel’s of Hollandtown.

**Thanks to Hosts-** George and Kathy B. and helpers Roselind and Peg

**Motion to Adjourn-** 1st George B.; 2nd Mary H.

Submitted by Club Secretary Julie Farley

# 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.



**Christmas Party - Sunday, December 8 at Van Abel's of Hollandtown (8108 Cty Rd. D, Kaukauna, WI 54130). Arrival time 11:30 --dinner at 1p.m . As always, we need payment in advance (--- \$10.00 per person payment to Julie Farley. Remember, the fee is nonrefundable because we have to pay for the food in advance. Baskets to raffle are always welcome too. Again, contact Julie if you have questions.**

## December Birthday Babies!

Anna Jean Diedrich  
Jill Doleysh  
Bob Fischer  
Lois Gauerke  
Sandy Justinger  
Randy McCarry  
Marilyn Mead  
Debbie Meulemans  
Les Ponto  
Alex Raeder  
Austin Raeder  
Tom Schmidt  
Joyce Schmoeker  
Craig Vosters  
Karen Wagner

**Anniversary**  
Charles/Lynne Cassidy



## 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 Club Ad**

Wanted: Model A front axle with spring. Thomas Roitt . Cell 920-698-6482.

### **Central WI Model A Club Ads:**

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

Wanted: two front bucket seats from Tahoe Yukon-Ford suv. The newer the better. Would like beige or charcoal. Call Lee at 414-573-0779 and leave message and number.

For Sale: 1936 Chevy V8 sedan, automatic, power windows - Brakes, new rear end. \$8,000. Call Lee at 414-573-0779, leave message.

For Sale: 6 Volt - positive ground GM alternator with 3/4" pulley - painted black. Used but in good working order. \$75.00 Model A generator. \$10.00 Call: Tom at 920-787-5317

For Sale: 2 - Model AA trucks: 1 - 1929; 1 - 1928 AR

2 Doodle Bugs. All 4 vehicles need work. Phone 715-393-5383

### **Madison area Model A Club Ad**

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 OBO. 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

GETTYSBURG



SAVE THE DATE



**THE 2025 MARC NATIONAL MEET  
GETTYSBURG, PA  
JUNE 16-20, 2025**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MEET CHAIRMAN  
TOM HOVETTER, [TJKHOVETTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TJKHOVETTER@GMAIL.COM) OR  
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Model A Ford Enthusiasts:

First, the Model A Ford Foundations Trustees and Advisors wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! It's always a magical time of year, but especially this year with the museum expansion in progress!

Executive Director of MAFFI, John Marshall and his team of elves have just finished decorating the museum for the holidays. The Parts Department in the museum is looking pretty festive. Meanwhile outdoors the trusses are up on the expansion. The walls for the expansion are expected to up the week of November 18th --- so long as the weather cooperates. You can actually watch the construction if you go to [maffi.org](http://maffi.org) and click on the Camera icon, and then click on Expansion.

And right around December 23, the back wall of the museum will need to be opened up to connect the existing building and the expansion. This means moving all the displays at the back of the museum and covering all the museum artifacts with plastic. During this phase of the construction, the museum will be closed for safety reasons. (The closure is just temporary, so call ahead if you plan to visit in December or January to be certain the museum is back open).

Give yourself and your car a gift this holiday season: Have your car's picture and your name engraved on a plaque that will be the archway from the existing museum to the expansion. Be a part of the history of the museum! Just contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style.

Happy Holidays,  
Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee, Secretary





## As it should be: Model A's helping other Model A's!

Precursor to story below: New member Jeff Slager from Manitowoc contacted me about his ill functioning car. I contacted Eric Haban, our 2025 WI Rapids Reunion Chair and also a Manitowoc resident if he could stop over and help out. Eric is still a "youngster" and working full-time, but his dad, Erwin, also a Model A'er rendered aid. Here's the feedback I got along with a picture of a very happy new Nickle A member, Jeff Slager!

The other day I spent 4 hours with new Nickle A member, Jeff Slager working on his father's Model A. We conducted a compression test, all good, adjusted the timing to #1 TDC, disassembled the distributor's internals for cleaning, and replaced the wire connecting the upper and lower plates due to poor connections.

We also installed new points and a condenser, which Jeff had, adjusted the point gap, and set the timing. He had a new coil installed already. When finished, we had a great spark, maybe 3/8-1/2". He had newer plugs in. We looked them over when we pulled them for the compression test. They were all running rich. We talked about the GAV adjustments, and he had been way too rich. Then, I talked about the spark advance and how to use that. He had put an additional fuel filter installed in the line, so for obvious reasons we pulled that back out. He had a new fuel shut-off valve, new fuel line inside, and a new glass sediment bowl so he could monitor the fuel. We pulled and tore down, cleaned, and reassembled the Tillotson carburetor with a new gasket set. The float valve needed a thicker gasket to level out the float.

We fired up the car, and it runs nicely, better than Jeff can ever remember he says. There is a bad leaky connection between the exhaust pipe and the manifold. Jeff's making a list of materials and parts from Snyder's, which includes 100% all new wiring front to back. Jeff is very happy about today.

Erwin Haban



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_ARC member number \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Photo above: Wi Rapids Planning meeting for 2025; Nickle A Model A Club is this year's lead club for the reunion, lead by Nickle A Eric Haban**