

# Wheeling the A

The official newsletter of the Wisconsin Chapter Model A Ford Club of America



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT OUR ANNUAL SWAP MEET!!
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#### **Club Mission Statement**

It is the intent of the Wisconsin Chapter to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and materials for admirers of the Model A Ford and Model A era fashions; to help those admirers become better acquainted; and to maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship and sociality through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A and family participation.

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### **Event Calendar for 2024**

March 10	Indoor Meeting-"Places Lost to History" Dave & Donna Boucher 1:30 p.m.				
April	Spring Tour - Host Needed				
April 26-28	Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet				
May 19	Tour- Needs host				
May 18-19	Overnighter Tour - Dave and Dawn Walczak				
June 2	Model A Day Clinton, WI				
June	Tour - Host Needed				
July	Tour - Host Needed				
July 4	Greendale 4th of July Parade - Dave & Linda Heunink				
July 11-13	Iola Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola, WI				
July 26-28	WI Rapids Reunion				
August	Picnic - Host Needed				
September 15	Light House Tour - Dave & Linda Heunink				
October	Tour - Host Needed				
November	Indoor Meeting Hosts Needed				
December	Waukesha Christmas Parade - Dave & Linda Heunink				
December	Indoor Host Needed				
January 2025	Custard Social Hosts Needed				
January 2025	Banquet Hosts needed				

Remember All Indoor Meetings Will Be At:
Greenfield Park Lutheran Church
1236 S. 115<sup>th</sup> Street
West Allis, WI

#### PLACES LOST TO HISTORY

# INDOOR MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 2024 1:30P.M.

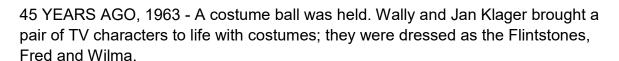


Take your Prevagen and put on your thinking caps. Join us in remembering the places we use to visit and now are gone. We will be going back over eighty years and up to the present day. Regardless of your age, there are restaurants, movie theaters, malls, car dealers, etc. that have all been pasted into the history books. Come join us for what should be an afternoon filled with fond memories.

Dave and Donna Boucher

#### Taken from March 2008 Newsletter:

50 YEARS AGO, 1958 - Capitol Court Shopping Center hosted a meet that was the biggest Wisconsin-held meet to date. 101 cars participated and the viewing crowd was estimated at 15,000.





40 YEARS AGO, 1968 - The Model A Club dance at Kuglitsch's Arcade was a traditional success. Testimony to this can be taken from the consumption of 6 half-barrels of beer and 265 people in attendance.

#### Reminders from the editor ....

Quick note to remind everyone, if you are running an event please send me your articles/information two to three months in advance. Please remember after your event is over to send an article regarding how the event went. Doesn't have to be long. Many times I end up with great photos and no article.

Interesting automobile articles and photos are welcome. Now with the freedom from printing the newsletter, we can have it as big as needed.



### **58th ANNUAL**

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# February 25, 2024

Doors are open 7:30 am - 1 pm General Admission: \$8, 12 and under free

<u>Automobile Questions?</u> Call, text or email Vicki at 262-337-0426 or Jeana at 414-554-3088.

Email: jangelini69@yahoo.com

Vintage bicycle questions? Call Jeff Olsen at 262-989-5600

Washington County Fair Grounds, 3000 Cty. Hwy. PV (Pleasant Valley Rd.) – West Bend, WI 53095

### Your help is needed!

Hosts are needed for summer tours, specifically April, June, and October; please consider hosting a tour this year. Our tours offer us the chance to coordinate a modern improbability, that is a group of Ford Model A's driving together as if it were the norm. A tour does not have to be a complicated affair, just an afternoon drive through the country-side is enough; anything more is a bonus but not necessary.



Indoor hosts are needed for the 2024-2025 indoor season, I especially still need a Christmas party host and banquette host.

Please consider bringing non-perishable foods to donate to the church's food pantry.

Thanks, Robert Sturtzen Events Coordinator

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."

# Sunshine Report

Received from Tony Sillman: Bill McMahon of the CWC MARC/MAFCA Chapter, WI Rapids Reunion participant passed away. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Mass on Saturday at the church.

Taken from a Facebook post on the MAFCA's page: Three generations of Model A restorers. Grant Semrau, Chris Rozman, Building a motor for my Granddaughter's Brooke Rozman's 1929 pickup. Life is good for Grandpa.

No other sunshine was report to me.

For all Sunshine needs, contact Tony Koconis (262) 613-8515 sunshinewichapter@gmail.com



# MAFCA Wisconsin Chapter General Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2024



Board Members Present: Dave Huenink, Tony Koconis, Steve Lewis, Robert Sturtzen. Absent: Mike Quam

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 P.M.

President – Tony for Mike – The club received a flier regarding an automotive swap meet, March 17th, 2024 in Roselle, Illinois.

Vice President / Sunshine – Tony - A card was sent to Mark Ackermann for his years of service to the club.

Secretary – Dave – There is one correction to last month's meeting minutes regarding the forms for the club's booth at the swap meet. It should read "It was suggested the club offers both MAFCA's free membership and new membership applications at the Wisconsin Chapter booth at the swap meet." Last month's minutes have been corrected. Bob Schmiechen made motion and it was seconded by Stacey Koconis to accept the corrected minutes as written. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. The club has one hundred and twenty-three members. All the life time members have sent in the renewal form updating their information.

Treasurer – Steve – A report of the revenue and expenses from last month was given. A motion was made by Linda Huenink and seconded by Vicki Cooper to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried. Vicki Cooper turned in income from the swap meet. Steve reviewed the income and expenses for the swap meet. The swap meet has a deficit of \$1,176.14. Volunteers are also needed for the swap meet.

Event Coordinator – Robert – The club is looking for hosts for the 2024 outdoor season and the 2024/2025 indoor season.

New Business – There are eighteen open vendor spots remaining for the swap meet. Jeana is putting together some historical data on the swap meet.

A motion was made by Linda Huenink and seconded by Vicki Cooper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

The next indoor meeting will be March 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Huenink

MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the membership.

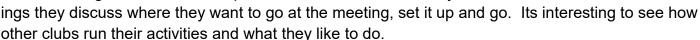
Old Business - None

# Presidents notes...

Hi everyone,

I bring you warm greetings from the south. So far I'm not missing the snow! I see from the meeting minutes everything is rolling along smoothly so I don't have much to discuss this month.

I have been active with the River Cities A's club this month, our son and I attended their tech meetings, called Tinker Time. Sue and I attended their monthly evening meeting last night, which consist of dinner, a meeting and some kind of presentation. For their monthly out-



As I look ahead at our calendar I see we need six hosts if we are to have a monthly tour. If you would like to host a tour please see Robert. Last year we managed to pull off some nice tours, lets aim to do it again this year.

As I reflect back to the club banquet, it was nice to see so many faces we don't always get to see. The food was good, the gift baskets were awesome, but seeing everyone is the best. Thank you to Robin Sturtzen and Sandi Davisson for hosting the banquet.

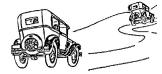
Well that's all from down here see you in March.

Mike





### 'A' Trip Back to a Visit with Garrett Morgan



While this March historical article is a tad late for February's Black History Month, I am takings author liberties as I am writing this in February. I wanted to introduce you to Mr. Garrett Morgan who is credited with inventing the traffic signal, a roadway infrastructure tool that has saved each of our lives countless times in our everyday driving as well as on our Model A trips.

Now that you know how Mr. Morgan is connected to each of us, you may be interested in knowing more about him and the full extent of his legacy.

So this is a picture of Mr. Garrett Morgan. He was born in Paris, Kentucky on March 4th, 1877. He was the seventh of 11 children. His mother was of Indian and African descent. His father was an enslaved man who was freed in 1863.

When Morgan was in his mid-teens, he moved to Cincinnati, found work as a handyman, took private lessons to enhance his elementary school education and then worked at several sewing machine factories. That sparked his imagination and led to his first invention.



After learning the inner workings of the machines and how to fix them at his factory jobs, Morgan obtained a patent for an improved sewing machine and opened his own repair business. Morgan's business was a success enabling him to marry his second wife, Mary Hasek, an experienced seamstress, and establish himself in Cleveland. Following the momentum of his business success, Morgan's patented sewing machine soon paved the way to another invention.

#### Friction Reducing Chemical & Hair Straightener

In 1909, Morgan was working with sewing machines in his tailoring shop when he encountered woolen fabric that had been scorched by a sewing-machine needle. It was a common problem at the time since sewing-machine needles ran at such high speeds. In hopes of alleviating the problem, Morgan experimented with a chemical solution in an effort to reduce friction created by the needle and subsequently noticed that the hairs of the cloth were straighter. After trying his solution to good effect on a neighboring dog's fur, Morgan tested the concoction on himself. When that worked, he quickly established the G.A. Morgan Hair Refining Company. The company was incredibly successful, bringing Morgan financial security and allowing him to pursue other interests.

#### Safety Hood: Precursor to the World War I Gas Mask

In 1914, Morgan patented a breathing device, or "safety hood," providing its wearers with a safer breathing experience in the presence of smoke, gases, and other pollutants. Morgan worked hard to market the device, especially to fire departments, often personally demonstrating its reliability in fires. Morgan's breathing device became the prototype and precursor for the gas masks used during World War I, protecting soldiers from toxic gas used in warfare. The invention earned him the first prize at the Second International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation in New York City.

#### **Traffic Light**

The voracious inventor didn't stop with his early gas mask design. His penchant for fixing problems turned his attention to all kinds of things, from hats to belt fasteners to car parts. The first Black man in Cleveland to own a car, Morgan worked on his mechanical skills and developed a friction drive clutch.



Then, in 1923, he created a new kind of traffic signal, one with a warning light to alert drivers that they would need to stop. He invented the device after witnessing a carriage accident at a particularly problematic intersection in Cleveland. Morgan quickly acquired patents for his traffic signal—a rudimentary version of the modern three-way traffic light—in the United States, Britain, and Canada but eventually sold the rights to General Electric for \$40,000.

#### **Cleveland Tunnel Explosion**

A tragic accident in 1916 proved to be another opportunity for Morgan and his safety hood to come to the rescue. That year, the city of Cleveland was drilling a new tunnel under Lake Erie for a fresh water supply. Workers hit a pocket of natural gas, which resulted in a huge explosion that trapped workers underground amid suffocating noxious fumes and dust. When Morgan heard about the explosion, he and his brother put on breathing devices and made their way into the tunnel as quickly as possible. The brothers managed to save two lives and recover four bodies before the rescue effort was shut down.

#### Social Activism

Outside of his inventing career, Morgan diligently supported the African American community throughout his lifetime. He was a member of the newly formed NAACP, was active in the Cleveland Association of Colored Men, donated to Black colleges, and opened an all-Black country club. Additionally, in 1920, he launched the *Cleveland Call*, an African American newspaper later named the *Call and Post*.

#### Later Years, Death and Legacy

Morgan began developing glaucoma in 1943 and lost most of his sight as a result. Just before his death, Morgan was honored by the U.S. government for his traffic signal invention. The accomplished inventor died in Cleveland on July 27, 1963, at age 86, after battling "a lingering illness," according to his obituary in the *Pittsburgh Courier*. Morgan is buried at Cleveland's Lake View Cemetery, which is also the final resting place of former President James Garfield, Prohibition enforcer Eliot Ness, and business titan John D. Rockefeller.

Morgan improved and saved countless lives worldwide, including those of firefighters, soldiers, and vehicle operators, with his profound inventions. In 2005, Morgan was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio. His prototype traffic signal is on display at the African American Museum in Cleveland, and the Garrett Morgan School of Engineering and Innovation in the city is named in his honor.

We are historically Bob and Karen Schmiechen

#### Jim's Tech Tips

"Preventing Problems with the Starter Switch Rod"

The Starter Switch Rod passes through the firewall and screws into the Starter Switch. You step on the head of the rod to start the car.

You will find that today's reproduction rods screw quite easily into and out of the switch. This can be nice when you are assembling things.

But I have found on more than just a few cars the engine vibration can cause the rod to unscrew itself and back out of the switch. You hit a bump and the rod drops down and makes contact with the post on



the starter switch, where the battery cable connects. Yikes! That's a direct short to ground, with a LOT of amps behind it.

So you want to make the rod a bit harder to turn when installing it in the switch. Add a small drop of blue thread locker to the rod before you screw it in, or gently tap the threads a little with a hammer to deform them and make them harder to screw in and out.

Another simple solution, if you are not doing a car for Fine Point Judging (because it is not how the switch was originally done), is to add a 5/16" nut to the threaded end of the rod before screwing it into the switch. When you have the rod where you want it (desired button height inside the car, etc.) use that nut as a jam nut and lock the rod to the switch. It will not back out while driving, but you can easily undo it when you need to take it apart.

Whichever approach you choose, you will have have more trouble-free miles if you get ahead of this potential problem. Until next time...

Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon



January 2024 Banquet-





If you weren't there, you missed some good food!







Our retired distribution ladies. Marilyn Brojanac (left) and Lorraine Schultz (right) Thank you for 20+ years of hard work! Marilyn was presented with a check for all the "cents" she paid over those years for returned postage, amounted to over \$9.00 Award goes to Lorraine for excellent record keeping



Karen Schmeichen for Outgoing Board Member.



Chris & Kate Rozman were awarded the National Service award from MAFCA. Thanks to Dave and Carol for delivering the award and submitting the photo.



Member of the Year goes to Robert Sturtzen





More photos on website, by clicking below.

Photo Gallery

# Looking back.....

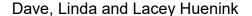
The club had their monthly meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Linda Huenink gave a PowerPoint presentation on canine essential oil scent work and gave the group general information on the various types of searching dogs do with their noses.

At the meeting, she reviewed the difference between a dog's nose and a human nose and the difference in their smelling capabilities. She then focused on how dogs are trained and how they search for specific essential oil scents. Those scents included are: birch, anise, clove, cypress, and vetiver. Scents can be found in a variety of container shapes, on various objects and on vehicles in a variety of locations.

For those who want to continue their training there are a variety of organizations dogs can compete in for nose work including the American Kennel

Club (AKC), Canine Performance Evens (CPE), and National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW).

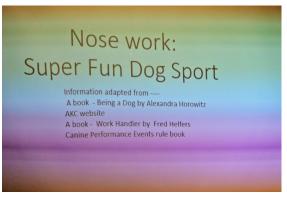
Once the presentation was over, Lacey, Dave and Linda's smooth fox terrier, did a demonstration of searching for three odors in two different locations in the room. Dave was the handler and he did not know where the scents were placed so he had to trust that Lacey would guide him to the correct locations and give her alert signal. The first search area consisted of chairs, tables, wall partitions, bench, and waste baskets and three odors, each on a different item. The second search area consisted of fourteen white boxes and one box with a distraction. Three different boxes had scents in. She did find all the scents in both searches. The audience was able to see how she zeroed in on the scents and her alert behavior. The group asked a variety of questions and afterwards Lacey visited with the membership.































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FOR SALE: 1929 Model A Tudor. Late 1990 body-off restoration with all original chassis, body and fenders. New interior. Converted to 12V. Runs and drives great. Beautiful car! Asking \$13,900 OBO John Holtan, 920-

470-4396 See pictures below









WANTED: Model A cowl. Any year is ok. Roy Farley 920-224-5261.

FOR SALE: 1928-29, Radiator Fan Shroud, \$40, call Dale 715-347-6166

FOR SALE: One set of front seat extension brackets for a Tudor Sedan. Extends approximately 5" in 1" increments. \$100.00. Don Paalman 920-540-0193

FOR SALE: Model A powered Smith Air Compressor. Trailer mounted factory unit. \$875. AA Marsh Tractor Spoke front wheels \$775. 2 – A powered Saw rigs \$350-\$650. Contact John Shaetz 920-566-4652

FOR SALE: Project! 1929 Model A Speedster Rootlieb Kit

Original engine & suspension. Chassis is completed. Fenders, running boards, aprons are painted and installed. New tires. Wheels are powder coated apple green. Body work done and is in epoxy primer. Car is 90% completed and has a WI title. I just have too many other projects going on. \$10,000 in parts alone ---just want to break even on parts. All my labor on this project is FREE. Contact Tom Van Gemert, DePere, WI 920-621-7994 Picture below is similar to how it will look .



FOR SALE: 1929 Tudor Sedan Very good condition. Has not been used for a number of years, but it is stored inside and does run. It is located on County Road H between Readfield and Fremont. The body is a light brown color. Price is \$10,000.00 Contact owner Jim Paalman at 920-585-3693 or Don Paalman at 920-540-0193.

WANTED: Headlight reflectors for Model A. Switching to LED, so they don't need to be perfect, but would want them presentable. Call/Text Tony (920) 478-4541.

FOR SALE: 1930 Town Sedan Deluxe. Frame up rebuild, intended for Touring Class judging. New Wood, exclusive Ford Maroon, painted stripe, Firestone tires, professionally installed L-B interior, really nice car. \$27K or good offer. See pics at www.concklin.net.

FOR SALE: 1/16 Scale Tractors: Case 800 and John Deere Model HN, all made by Ertl Collectibles. All have rubber tires, steerable front end & still in orig. boxes. \$35/tractor, OBO. Call/Text Tony (920) 478-4541.

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Ford Fordor Town Sedan, formerly owned by Ed Moehrke. Blue with gray wheels. Good driver, could use cosmetics on exterior, interior not original. Accepting offers. (608) 838-8668.

#### Please remember:

- To contact the club secretary if you have change of address, email address or phone number.
- <u>Deadline to submit articles and ads is the 15th of each month and remember the editor is always working</u> one month ahead. Example= January issue is being created in December.

#### Club Property

The following items are club property and can be used for any club function.

Contact Steve Lewis 262-573-9821

- 2 Coolers
- Charcoal-Several bags and Large Charcoal Grill 2 ft x 6 ½ ft
- Misc. picnic supplies and Serving Utensils
- Projector and Projector Screen
- Club Banners (Approx 2 Ft x 4ft)
- Megaphone

#### Craft Box for kids in closet at church:

5 Elmers Glue & 1 Craft Glue, scotch tape

4 kids scissors

2 boxes crayons

Skein of white yarn

Re & White beads, Red, silver, gold glitter balls

2 unopened packages of foam creation ornaments

3 white kids washable paints 1/2 full

Pom poms

Ribbon

Foam stars

Snowman door hanger kits

Contact paper

Paper lace doilies

Tiny sleigh bells

MANY rolls of wrapping paper.

#### Box in closet at church:

LOTS of paper plates

Plastic forks, spoons etc.

**Napkins** 

**Bowls** 

If possible check box before buying more for indoor events.

### **Wisconsin Chapter Model A Ford Club of America**



## **New Member Application**

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