

# Wheeling the A

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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**

April	Spring Tour - Host Needed			
April 26-28	Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI			
May 19	Tour– Needs host			
May 18-19	Overnighter Tour - Dave and Dawn Walczak			
June 2	Model A Day Clinton, WI Jan Olsen			
June	Tour - Jeana Angelini and Vicki Cooper			
June 15	Garys Hot Rod Reunion, Swap meet car show Racine County Fairgrounds Union Grove			
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			
September 27-28	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI			
October	Tour - Sandi Davisson & Robin Sturtzen			
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



Trip: Kettle Moraine Scenic tour /the old Wade house carriage museum / Kelley's Creamery (Eden WI)

We are planning either a brunch or lunch at a location yet to be determined. Meeting time will also be decided by next newsletter. Followed by a scenic drive around the Kettle Moraine area with a stop at the Old Wade House carriage museum in Glenbeulah. There may/may not be another stop added in. Yet to be decided. We will then have dinner at

the Brick House in Fond du Lac. Sunday will be Kelley's Creamery for Ice Cream in Eden. Other plans will be added soon to that day.

Cost of Old Wade House \$8.00 approximately per person.

The hotel has a block of rooms reserved for both Friday and Saturday. Friday for those that may want to arrive early. Just let them know if it is the 18th or both the 17th and 18th.. We wanted to make it easy for everyone. Just tell them you are with the Model A club. There is a continental breakfast.

Hotel Raddison Fond du Lac, Phone 920-923-1440 Room cost \$129/ night

Must be booked by April 18th to guarantee a room, Pool in Hotel, Check in 3:00 p.m.

Area will be coned off for parking, This is an individual call in so be sure to book your room by April 18th.

Dave and Dawn Walczak cell (920) 420-3966



Hosts are needed for summer tours, 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 countryside 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.

Thanks, Robert Sturtzen Events Coordinator







# **Sunday, June 2, 2024**

# Clinton, Wisconsin - Annual Model A Day

The Annual Model A Day, hosted by the Rock-Ford A's, will once again be held in beautiful, historic downtown **Clinton**, Wisconsin. Yes, it is the same Model A Day held previously in Sharon, Wisconsin, a few miles away.

Once again, FREE admission is available to all who participate in the show from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm. Only Model A parking will be allowed in the Downtown **Clinton** area. Modern vehicles are welcome but will need to park on side streets in the Clinton area.

Entertainment plans once again include music, crafters, swap vendors, reenactors and A vintage fashion show. There are plans for A raffle for a Model A part, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

You might want to plan an early arrival in order to find A parking space to your liking. Let's try to get together in the same general area if possible.

We'll have time to plan our retreat while we are attending Model A Day in **Clinton**, Wisconsin.

Jan Olsen



## Presidents notes....

Hi Everyone,

Well we finished out our indoor meeting season with a fun filled day of reminiscing all the days gone bye. The Bouchers had lists of automobile dealers, stores, restaurants, jingles, TV shows and many other memories. It was really a lot of fun remembering the old days. We had a great indoor season this year with great events every month thank you to all the hosts, you did a great job!

We still need some hosts for the big club events, picnic, club banquet and Christmas party so if you have an interest please contact Robert.

I would like to thank the Swap Meet committee members and helpers that put together another great swap meet for our club. Thank You again. We still have some open events for the summer touring season so watch the calendar, if you see a month you are interested in please contact Robert.

It is still early but I want to remind you that this fall we will need people for the Board Of Directors election in December. As we discussed at the March meeting, we will be voting in November to change the By-Laws to reflect member seniority. It will now include the year you join as part of your seniority. The Board feels this will clarify any confusion on member seniority.

I hope as the spring / summer season starts for us we all have the bugs worked out the A,s and have a fun filled safe touring season ahead. That's all for this month see you soon!

- Mike

# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Tim Riesch of Germantown, WI Dick Carravetta of Racine. WI



# Sunshine Report:

Jeana Angelini's brother passed away unexpectedly. Our deepest sympathies to Jeana and family.

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



# MAFCA Wisconsin Chapter General Meeting Minutes March 10th, 2024



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

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

President – Mike – Dick Carravetta is a guest at today's meeting. He is considering joining the club. The club received some correspondence from the Rockford A's regarding the Model A days event in Clinton Wisconsin on June 2nd, 2024. The club also received fliers regarding several swap meets in the area.

Vice President / Sunshine – Tony- Jeana Angelina's brother passed away.

Secretary – Dave – Jeana Angelini 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 was carried. The club has one hundred and twenty-six members.

Treasurer – Steve – A report of the revenue and expenses from last month was given. A motion was made by Paul Piotrowski and seconded by Dennis Cooper to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. There are no expenses on income this month. Steve reviewed the income and expenses for the swap meet. There are still some outstanding expenses for the swap meet.

Event Coordinator – Robert – The club is looking for hosts for the 2024 outdoor season and the club picnic, Christmas party and annual banquet. Dave and Dawn Walckak sent an email regarding the overnighter in May which Mike read to the group. It will also be posted in Wheeling the A.

New Business - none

Old Business – The swap meet was discussed, and it was a success. The vendor sign up form for the swap meet will be online. The member anniversary dates were discussed. The Board

feels the date a member joins the club should count toward their seniority. The change will be published in Wheeling the A and then put up for a vote at the November indoor membership meeting.

A motion was made by Ed Schultz and seconded by Dave Boucher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next indoor meeting will be in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Huenink

MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the membership.

# The FIRST Fords – Models A - F





Starting from 1903 with the Model A (shown above) founder Henry Ford and his team went through 19 letters of the alphabet before the Model T was introduced in 1908. Some of these cars were experimental or special models that never went into production. Ultimately 8 models reached production status before the Model T: the models A, B, C, F, K, N, R and S.

The 1903 Ford **Model A** aside from being the first Ford car produced was also profitable for the company. It was available as either a two or four seater and was produced in only the color red (notice how the second row of seats were added to the two seater, with a door allowing entrance from the rear). Ford Motor Company of course reintroduced the Model A in 1928 as a replacement for the highly successful Model T.

By the time the first Model A was unveiled Henry Ford's cash was dwindling fast. On July 15 of 1903 as luck would have it Henry Ford received cash for the full price of one vehicle and down payments for two others. That in itself was enough to keep the Ford Motor Company in business. Therefore, when you look at the 1903 Model A, it's significance cannot overstated. According to Ford Motor Company, a red 1903 Model A Rear Entry Tonneau is believed to be car number 3, chassis number 30, and the lone survivor of the group of Model A cars sold that particular July day in 1903. That particular historic car was purchased by Ford Chairman Bill Ford.

Although the Model A had somewhat of a horse buggy look to it, these horseless carriages could reach a speed of 28 MPH. Many early automakers came from the carriage building business thus the similarity.

The car came as a two-seater runabout for \$800 or the \$900 four-seater tonneau model with an option to add a top. The horizontal-mounted flat-2, situated amidships of the car, produced 8 hp. A planetary transmission was fitted with two forward speeds and reverse, a Ford signature later seen on the Ford Model T. The car weighed 1,240 lb (562 kg) and could reach a top speed of 28 mph (45 km/h). It had a 72-inch (1.8 m) wheelbase and sold for a base price of US \$750. Options included a rear tonneau with two seats and a rear door for \$100, a rubber roof for \$30 or a leather roof for \$50. Band brakes were used on the rear wheels.

The company had spent almost its entire \$28,000 initial investment funds (\$911,970 in 2022 dollars) with only \$223.65 left in its bank account when the first Model A was sold. The success of this car model generated a profit for the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford's first successful business.

Ernest Pfennig, a Chicago dentist, became the first owner of a Model A on July 23, 1903; 1,750 cars were made in 1903 and 1904 at the Ford Mack Avenue Plant, a modest rented wood-frame building on Detroit's East Side, and Ford's first facility.

Although Ford advertised the Model A as the "most reliable machine in the world", it suffered from many problems common to vehicles of the era, including overheating and slipping transmission bands. The Model A was sold only in red by the factory, though some were later repainted in other colors. However, it was \$150 more than its most direct competitor, the Oldsmobile Curved Dash, so did not sell as well. The Model A was replaced by the Ford Model C during 1904 with some sales overlap.

In 1904 the **Model B** was introduced, a more luxurious touring car. Its styling and lay-out was more modern than that of the Model A, with the engine in front and a proper radiator. The 4-cylinder in-line engine produced 24 HP, three times more than the 2-cylinder Model A unit. This was in line with the price of the Model B: \$2000, almost three times as much as that of the Model A. The gas headlights were an extra. The last of the Models B was sold in 1906, and about 500 were produced in total.

The **Model C** of 1904 was an updated version of the Model A. It had a more modern look and a slightly larger engine than the Model A. The Models A and C were produced next to each other for a while, and Models A could be had with the engine of the Model C, making them Models AC. The model C engine, again a "flat" 2-cylinder unit, delivered 10 HP, and the wheelbase of the Model C was 6 inches/15 cm longer than that of the Model A. The "hood" in front was ornamental, the en-



gine remained beneath the front bench as in the Model A. The Model C sold for \$850 as a two-seater, the tonneau model was \$100 more expensive. Again, the extra rubber top requested an additional \$30 and the leather one \$50. From 1904 till 1905 approximately 800 Models C were made.

The first production model after the Model C was the **Model F**, although there was a delivery car based on the Model C that was designated **Model E** by some, but Ford catalogs simply describe it as "Delivery Car". The Model F was again a development of the original Model A and its younger Model C brother.

The Model F was larger and more luxurious than its predecessors, and had a four-seater phaeton body with running boards as standard. It came into life in 1905 and it was last sold in 1906 after about a 1000 were made.

In the Model F the flat twin engine was still located under the front seat, but the front sported an elaborate ornamental hood to make it look more modern. The wheelbase had grown by another 6 inches compared to the Model C, now totaling 84 inches/213 cm. This model sold for as much as \$1000, also a 25% increase to the original price of the two-seater Model A within two years. But this is not a fair comparison, since the Model F is much more car...



The Model F ended Ford's first model cycle that had started with the Models A with serial numbers from 1 to 870, followed by the Models AC and C with serial numbers from 670 to 2570 and concluded by the Models F commencing with serial number 2575; all these models were numbered more or less sequentially to each other.

#### Next month we will look at the early Fords, Models K – S.

This month we feature 'DEVILED SPROUTS' (Pam Gillet, from Wi Chapter, "A" Road to Good Cooking)

1 1/2 lb. Brussel sprouts 3/4 tsp. dry mustard 1/4 tsp. dried thyme

1 onion, minced 3 Tbsp. dry fine bread crumbs



Cook Brussel sprouts in boiling water until tender-crisp (5 – 7 minutes). Drain. Melt butter in skillet; add onion, mustard and thyme. Cook for 2 minutes. Add bread crumbs,

salt and pepper to taste. Cook 1 more minute. Add this mixture to the drained Brussel sprouts. Shake/stir to cover the sprouts with the seasoned mixture. Cook until desired doneness.

#### **Old Roadside Rhymes**

Nobody likes The wolf Said farmer Jones To snuggle Is shaved Who's bald on top Or dine So neat and trim I wish I could Accompanied by Red Riding Hood Rotate the crop A porcupine Is chasing him **BURMA-SHAVE** BÜRMA-SHAVE **BURMA-SHAVE** 

## Do you have Hagerty Insurance?

Did you know:

Hagerty offers a 5% discount to MAFCA members, ask your agent or email Hagerty. Hagerty offers a \$500 scholarship for children and grandchildren of Hagerty members to cover dirver's education costs for teens who are seeking to get their license. An essay is required and candidates are chosen based on their essays. For more information, contact your agent or email Hagerty. Both of my grandchildren qualified and received the scholarship.

Historically yours, Bob & Karen

#### **MAFFI** Minute

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.

"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, https://www.maffi.org/index.htm , or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"

Happy Motoring,

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary



# SWAP MEET 2024

























THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE SWAP MEET A SUCCESS!

# March Indoor Event...







Dave & Donna Boucher taking us down memory lane with things of the past in the Milwaukee area.



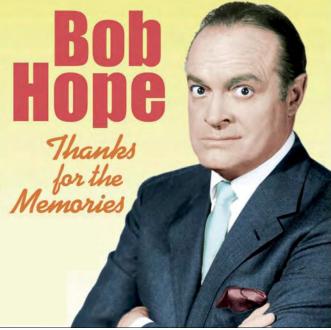




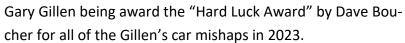


















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FOR SALE: One set of front seat extension brackets for a Tudor Sedan. Extends approximately 5" in 1" increments. \$100.00. Don Paalman 920-540-0193

FOR SALE: Project! 1929 Model A Speedster Rootlieb Kit. Orig. engine & suspension. Chassis is completed. Fenders, running boards, aprons are painted & installed. New tires. Wheels are powder coated apple green. Body work done and is in epoxy primer. Car is 90% completed, has WI title. Have too many other projects. \$10,000 in parts alone, just want to break even on parts. All my labor on this project is FREE. Contact Tom VanGemert, (920) 621-7994.

WANTED: Two AA rims for the back of my Doodle Bug Roy Farley 920-224-5261.

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: 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.

FOR SALE: Eight 28-29 Model-A rims measuring 21 inches in diameter. Asking \$25 each obo. Call Joe Keller at 715-803-9256 or Chris Keller at 715-432-2798.

WANTED: Cowl lights for a 1931 roadster. Please call or text Dave at 715-213-5846.

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

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: 4 - 18" Wide White All State Model A Tires - 5.25/5.50. Wheels are yellow with 4 Stainless Ford Center Caps. \$395 OBO. Contact John or Jack at (608) 873-5264.

FOR SALE: 1930 good solid Model A Driver Side Front Fender with a spare tire well. \$195 OBO. Contact John or Jack at (608) 873-5264.

FOR SALE: 1926-27 Model T engine for sale, with starter, generator & pedals. Does run, just a little 'tired', has never been rebuilt. \$200 OBO. Call/Text Tony, (920) 350-2291.

WANTED: Package Tray and Rear Garnish Window Moulding for a 1929 Model A Coupe. Call Jim, (608) 575-9057.

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) 350-2291.

#### 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:

Box in closet at church:

5 Elmers Glue & 1 Craft Glue, scotch tape LOTS of paper plates

4 kids scissors Plastic forks, spoons etc.

2 boxes crayons Napkins
Skein of white yarn Bowls

Re & White beads, Red, silver, gold glitter balls 
If possible check box before buying more for indoor events.

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.

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



# **New Member Application**

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Send your application	<b>to:</b> Secretary / New Member	Chairperson, Wisconsin Ch	apter MAFCA,	
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