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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

November 10	Indoor Meeting - Veteran's Day Salute. Hosts Bob & Karen Schmeichen 1:30 p.m.
December 7	<b><u>Mukwonago</u> Christmas Parade</b> - Hosts Dave & Linda Huenink
December 8	Indoor Christmas Party - Hostesses Robin Sturtzen and Sandi Davisson 1:30 p.m.
<b>Happy New Year 2025</b>	
January 12, 2025	Custard Social 1:30 p.m. Hosts Dennis & Vicki Cooper
January 26, 2025	Banquet at - Meyers Restaurant, Greenfield, WI. Hostess's Robin Sturtzen and Sandi Davisson
February 9	Indoor Meeting 1:30 p.m. <b>Hosts Needed</b>
February 23	Swap Meet
March 9	Indoor - Dave & Donna Boucher 1:30 p.m.
April 13	

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*Join us Sunday November 10th for a Veteran's Day Salute.*

Our guest speaker will be Gary Sturtevant. Gary will be sharing his interest and knowledge of the Cold War in Wisconsin.

Christopher is a children's librarian who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His interest in the Cold War began while growing up during the 1980s. Chris studied history and physics at Carroll University. He is a United States Air Force veteran and chairman of the Midwest Chapter of the Cold War Museum in Washington, D.C. In addition, Chris has represented Team USA in masters-level track championships on three continents. His travels have taken him to North Korea, Chernobyl and Afghanistan.

Cold War Wisconsin highlights local insight to the decade's long world conflict. Discover why nuclear missiles surrounded the Milwaukee area, how Josef Stalin's daughter sought refuge in the small town of Richland Center, how a cargo ship from Kewaunee sparked a new international incident with North Korea, and other fascinating tales of Cold War intrigue.

Hosts Bob and Karen Schmiechen

## **Good news from the editor department.**

We have a new editor who will start in January of 2025. You'll be able to meet her at the December meeting. She comes with editor experience, as well as being President of a Model A Club and she is very excited to be our new editor. Welcome her as you did me 20 years ago.

As to not overwhelm her with a lot of new things, I will continue to update the website until such time she wants to learn it and take it over or a member wants to take over that job. But right now I'd love for someone else to update and take care of the Facebook page and the Facebook Group. What's the difference in those two. The Facebook PAGE is information we put out there, people can comment, but not post things. The Facebook GROUP is where others can post Model A items for sale, ask questions or share car photos. This group required an okay from the admin to join the group. It's extremely easy to do. All I have to do is make you an Admin.

These days social media is very important for the life of car clubs or any business. So these things must be kept up for the future of the club. Let me know if you're interested.

Thank you!

Sue Quam



## Midnight Magic Christmas Parade - 2024

In previous years, we have participated in the Waukesha Christmas Parade, but this year it falls on the same day as our club's Christmas party. So, this year we will be participating in the **Midnight Magic Christmas Parade in Mukwonago, Wisconsin on December 7th, 2024.**

The line up for the parade is at 1:30 p.m. in Mukwonago on Rivercrest Court and the parade begins at 3:00 p.m. Rivercrest Court is on the south side of Mukwonago off of Main Street (Hwy ES). The parade will end at Park View Middle School on the north side of Mukwonago. We will meet at Culvers in Mukwonago, 1090 N. Rochester, Mukwonago, Wisconsin, 53149, between 12:45 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. and leave promptly at 1:15 p.m.

There are also other events taking place in Mukwonago that day to celebrate the holidays. Some of those events are:

- Horse drawn Carriage Rides at Field Park from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Market Place Craft Fair at the high school from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Alaskan Malamute Dog sled pull at the Bone Yard Grill. (Not far from the staging area mentioned above).
- Fireworks at 9:00 p.m.
- Garden Mart and Thomas Garden Center have events and specials
- End of the Leash pet store has special for the four leg loved ones in your house
- The restaurant's and coffee shops around town also have specials.

This is the last outside event for the year and a great way to start the holiday season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give Dave & Linda Huenink at call at 1-262719-1056. Also, give us a call and let us know you are coming.

Dave & Linda Huenink

1-262-719-1056





# CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 8, 2024

We will once again have a white elephant gift exchange for the adults. Each person wanting to play along should bring one wrapped gift to contribute to the gift table. Bring anything old, funny or weird and of course, you may bring something really nice.

There will be craft and Santa for the kids. Children and grandchildren must be 12 and under. RSVP for the kids is required, as the elves need to pack Santa's sleigh. **Please send one of us the following information:**

**Child's name, age, hobbies, likes, dislikes and gift ideas by November 25.**

Send to either: Robin Sturtzen, [woodlawn@surf.free.com](mailto:woodlawn@surf.free.com) or Sandi Davisson, [sdnbd@aol.com](mailto:sdnbd@aol.com)

Everyone is asked to bring a plate of cookies/bars, or a snack for the table. This is not a meal.

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

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**PLEASE READ ENTIRE PAGE.**

Each vending space will be approximately 11' X 9' and are \$40. Wall spaces may vary in size depending on location in either building and are \$45.

We have space available for car clubs to help promote their special interest to the public. Clubs may use these spaces to sell their club merchandise and/or hand out club literature, but may not to be used for selling car parts. The spaces are \$30 and are approximately 3' X 11" and include one free table (no credit given if table not used) and admittance for two people.

- 1.) Returning vendors will have the option to occupy the same space(s) they did in 2024, however your payment and completed application **must be returned by November 22, 2024** to insure your same space(s).
- 2.) After November 22, 2024 any available spaces will be sold on a first come first serve basis. We will honor your space requests as best as we can, however, **WE DO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN VENDOR LOCATION. WE ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE TO SELL SPACES TO PAST "NO SHOW" VENDORS.**
- 3.) First space rental includes 2 free admission wrist bands. For each additional space the vendor will receive 1 wrist band per space. A limit of six spaces.
- 4.) Vendors **MUST** vacate building by 3:00 p.m.
- 5.) Spots are not guaranteed due to circumstances beyond our control.

You will receive a letter shortly after January 15, 2025, confirming your building, space location, your arrival time and wrist bands for your space(s). **Please arrive at your designated time only.** Wearing your wrist band is **required** the day of the show.

Thank you,

WI Chapter MAFCA Swap Meet Committee

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***Reservation form:***

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TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Participants: I understand that with this payment I am assuming all liability and that in no event shall WI Chapter MAFCA, its Board of Directors, or their volunteers be liable for personal injury to me, my agents and employees, nor for property damage from any cause on the show ground premises.***

Make check payable to: **Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA**

Mail check and reservation to: **Swap Meet, 1305 N. Morgan Road, Oconomowoc, WI 53066**



# Notes from the President.....



Hello All,

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer season of touring. We now enter the fall & winter indoor season and sadly put our Model A's away for a winter's sleep.

Please allow me to address the rumors that have been circulating, it was never my intent to disband this club. We have entered into uncharted territory. Never in the past, or at least for the 20 years that I've been in the club have we faced an election of board members, where we would not have had enough people to run the club per our bylaws. I have been in contact with MAFCA about our situation and was told this is a common problem across the country. It even affects them as they are currently short 1 board member and their membership is down 30%.

Apparently my last article must have sparked some last minute interest because we have 4 members that have agreed to come on the board. Dave Boucher, Dave Rozman, Paul Piotrowski and Gary Gillen have all agreed to come on the board for the next 3 years.

Okay, leaving that behind us lets move on to the future and we have some great upcoming events! The November indoor has a guest speaker, December Christmas parade this year will be in Mukwonago, as the Waukesha parade is the same day as our party. The Christmas party is the 8th of December, remember to sign up the kids, Santa will be there! Yummy Custard social in January as well as the banquet and then our big fund raiser, the swap meet. Don't forget to sign up for the club swap meet they will need volunteers again this year. Once again it promises to be a great new year full of activities, Thanks to all those that have volunteered to run these events, and thanks to all the people that ran events this past season. That's all for this month see you in December.

-Mike

## Sunshine Report:

*Nothing to report.*

*For all Sunshine needs, contact Tony Koconis (262) 613-8515 [sunshinewichapter@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinewichapter@gmail.com)*

## Proposed By Laws Changes for November meeting-

Under: ARTICLE III MEMBERS, Section 2. Membership Seniority, b - Currently reads: (b) The membership anniversary date will be January first after the approval of membership and each January first thereafter with paid membership dues.

Change to read - "The membership anniversary date will start to accrue the same year a member joins the club and continue thereafter with paid membership due".

Reasoning- This will help to clarify the anniversary dates.

Also under ARTICLE III MEMBERS, Section 9 - Remove Section 9 - It currently reads "Membership in the Model A Ford Club of American, WI Chapter, Inc. shall require approval by WI Chapter Board of Directors".

Reasoning - The board of directors never denies membership to applicants.

## Model A Ford Club of America – Wisconsin Chapter

### Board Meeting, October 19, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m.

**President – Mike –** The bank statement was received, which will be passed on to Steve. The club's CD was renewed. The club received the newsletter from MAFFI.

**Vice President – Tony –** No sunshine to report this month.

**Secretary – Dave –** A motion was made by Robert and seconded by Tony to accept the minutes from the September 14th, 2024, meeting as written. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. The club has one hundred and thirty-seven members. Twelve members have renewed their membership for 2025. The club has sixteen lifetime members.

**Treasurer – Mike for Steve.** The financial report was given by Mike. Robert made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Dave. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. Bills were turned in by Tony. A motion was made by Robert to accept the bills, and it was seconded by Dave. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried.

**Event Coordinator - Robert –** The indoor meeting in February needs a host. The club's annual banquet is going to be held at Meyers Family restaurant. A conversation was held regarding the cost of the banquet, increasing the amount each person pays to attend the banquet and increasing the budget for the banquet. This information will be passed on to the hosts.

**Old Business –** A discussion was held regarding the proposed changes to the club's by-laws. A discussion was held regarding the club's fall donation of \$500.00 to Sojourner

Family Peace Center. Mike made a motion to have Sojourner Family Peace Center be the recipient of the fall donation and it was seconded by Dave. The motion was put to a vote, and it passed. Mike has been in contact with those who are making the decision on the MAFCA service award, and it is in progress. The past recipients of the member of the year are working on deciding on the next recipient.

**New Business –** Due to the unclear future of the club, no information has been sent to the swap meet vendors nor has any advertising gone out. After some discussion, the club will proceed forward with getting this information out. The Board also discussed raising the admission fee and vendor space costs at the swap meet in 2025. The reasoning for the increase is that the cost of renting space at the Washington County Fair Grounds has increased considerably. It was decided the admission fee will be increased to \$10.00 per person and the cost of vendor spaces will remain the same.

A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Robert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Huenink

MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Directors

## MAFFI MINUTE

Model A Friends,

Those of us in the snow belt are squeezing in all the driving time we can get before the “white stuff” shows up and those of you in the southern states are gliding into some cooler driving weather about now.

The commercial bus (see bus photo) made its debut at Model A Days; the bus is a work of art and a historically correct piece of Model A history ---thanks to many Model A'ers, especially Ron and Ken Ehrenhofer. From Model A Days in Gilmore, MI in September, the bus made its way to Hershey, PA in October where the headlines now read, “The Bus wins First Place Junior at Hershey Fall Car Show!”

Back at the Model A Museum grounds in Michigan, Red Grow's Model A, Betsy, which was 2024 Sweepstakes car to help raise money for the museum expansion, was won by Neil Wingate of Lowell, Indiana. Thanks to all who participated in the sweepstakes and congratulations Neil!

Lastly, the expansion is moving along with the foundation in place. (see photo below). So much happening in the Model A world! Don't you just love it!!

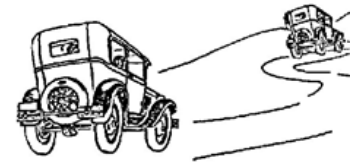
Happy Motoring!

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee, Secretary



# The Great Depression



The Great Depression, a worldwide economic collapse that began in 1929 and lasted roughly a decade, was a disaster that touched the lives of millions of Americans—from investors who saw their fortunes vanish overnight, to factory workers and clerks who found themselves unemployed and desperate for a way to feed their families.

The 1920s economic boom helped breed a widespread belief that it was easy to get rich quick if you were bold enough to invest in the right opportunity at the right time. That's one reason why so many ordinary Americans were fleeced by con artists who sold them on shady schemes, from Florida swamp land and nonexistent oil deposits to the notion of buying Spanish mail coupons and redeeming them for U.S. stamps to profit on the weaker Spanish currency.

But the riskiest gambling took place on Wall Street. Investors increasingly bought stocks on margin, in which they put down as little as 10 percent of the price of a stock, and borrowed the rest of the money, with their stock itself as collateral. Corporate stocks soared, and brokers made huge commissions.

But the bubble eventually had to burst. It did that on Black Monday, October 28, 1929, when the Dow Jones average declined nearly 13 percent in one day. That started a period of catastrophic declines that destroyed almost half of the Dow's value in a single month. By 1932, at the nadir of the financial crisis, the nation's public companies had lost 89 percent of their value. Scores of investors were ruined, and companies found it difficult to finance their operations.

"The stock market crash did two things," explains Mary Eschelbach Hansen, a professor of economics at American University. "It had a wealth effect on consumption (when people's wealth falls, they consume less), and it also made consumers and firms pessimistic. Then came a series of banking panics and failures. Households lost more of their wealth, and the lines of credit that firms used were disrupted. Unemployment soared."

## **How Bank Failures Contributed to the Great Depression**

Banks failed—between a third and half of all U.S. financial institutions collapsed, wiping out the lifetime savings of millions of Americans. The familiar narrative of the Great Depression places banks among the institutions that suffered fallout from the crisis. In fact, in the eyes of such luminaries as Ben Bernanke, an economic historian and former head of the Federal Reserve, the crisis was all about the banks—from the central bank (the Fed itself), down to the smallest savings institutions. "Regarding the Great Depression...we did it."

The runaway speculation that triggered the 1929 crash and the Great Depression that followed couldn't have taken place without the banks, which fueled the 1920s credit boom. New businesses—making new products like automobiles, radios and refrigerators—borrowed to support non-stop expansion in output. They kept borrowing and spending even as business inventories soared (300 percent between 1928 and 1929 alone) and Americans' wages stagnated. The banks, ignoring the warning signs, kept subsidizing them.

The banks also funded the speculation itself, providing the money that individual investors needed to buy stocks on margin. Bank lenders discounted or downplayed growing signs that Americans were overstretched. Farm incomes, in particular, plunged in the years leading up to 1929, and others found their wages stagnant. Their prosperity came solely from their stock market wealth—which didn't last.

The Fed, which serves as America's central bank, did try to rein things in, albeit too slowly and too late in the game. It sent warning letters to the banks to which the Fed itself provided credit, warning them to take their collective feet off the gas pedals. Banks, with their eyes firmly fixed on the "easy" profits to be earned by funding speculation, paid little attention. After all, wasn't it a virtuous cycle? The more investment profits their customers generated, the more money they would have to spend on new homes or consumer goods. Why worry? By the time the Fed slammed on the brakes by raising interest rates in 1929, it was too late to stem the crash, or the fallout on the banks.

One of the ways that banks contribute to the health of the economy—and help avoid catastrophes like the Great Depression—is to manage their cash reserves. Typically, banks hold onto only a small percentage of all the money depositors entrust to them, and lend out the rest in search of a profit; that’s how they make their money. In ordinary times, banks count on the ability to borrow from other financial institutions, or from the Federal Reserve, to cover any unexpected shortfall in reserves if their customers start showing up in droves and demanding their deposits back. During the Depression, the pressure on those backup providers of capital proved unsustainable; moreover, large numbers of American banks hadn’t joined the Federal Reserve system and so weren’t able to tap its reserves to avoid collapse.

It wasn’t until the stock market crashed and fearful Americans flocked to banks to demand their cash—so they could stow it under the mattress or use it to offset their massive stock market losses—that banks realized what they’d done. They hadn’t kept enough reserves on hand to address the growing risks associated with runaway credit and speculation.

Ironically, once banks started to try to correct their missteps, they made the problem worse. When banks sought to protect themselves, they stopped lending money. Businesses couldn’t get access to capital, and closed their doors, throwing millions of Americans out of work. Those unemployed Americans couldn’t keep spending, and the toxic downward spiral continued. As bank after bank collapsed, it wasn’t just savings that were lost, but information: Surviving institutions had no way to gauge which companies or individuals were good credit risks.

### **Blunders by the Fed**

The Federal Reserve System, created in 1913, was supposed to ensure the nation’s economic stability by controlling the money supply. But the still-new institution’s policies in the 1920s not only failed to stop the Great Depression but actually may have helped to cause it.

There was a drastic 67 percent increase in the money supply between 1921 and 1929. That policy led to declining interest rates, which encouraged people to borrow and overinvest. It also led to unchecked speculation in the formation of a bubble in the stock market. Normally, over investment would lead to rising interest rates, which would act as a natural break to prevent a bubble from forming. This didn’t occur due to the easy monetary policies of the young Fed.

But eventually, in 1929, the Fed’s board worried that speculation was out of control, and abruptly slammed on the breaks by contracting the money supply and raising interest rates. The Fed’s move to cool the stock market worked a little too well. “They got the stock market to come down,” Richardson explains. “But then it came down a lot, and it came down very quickly.”

### **The Gold Standard**

Back in 1929, the United States—like many other countries at the time—was on the Gold Standard, with the dollar redeemable in gold and pegged to its value. But after the Wall Street crash, nervous investors began to trade their dollars for gold.

As former Fed chairman Ben Bernanke noted in a 2004 lecture, the Fed then moved to jack up interest rates higher to protect the dollar’s value. But those high-interest rates made it difficult for businesses to borrow the money that they needed to survive, and many ended up closing their doors instead.

### **The Smoot-Hawley Act - The Great Depression Lesson About ‘Trade Wars’**

Trade protectionists in Congress enacted the Smoot-Hawley Act, which was written in early 1929, while the economy still seemed to be going strong. The thinking among Congress and President Herbert Hoover was that by raising taxes on thousands of imports no matter what country they came from, the act would protect American farmers and secure the nation’s economy. But experts disagreed. Economists around the country argued to the Republican Congress that this would only hurt the world economy, and the United States economy. And they were right. Although it did not cause the onset of the Great Depression, it did help extend it.

The law raised U.S. tariffs by an average of 16 percent, in an effort to shield American factories from the competition with foreign countries’ lower-priced goods. Other countries responded to the United States tariffs by putting up their restrictions on international trade, which just made it harder for the United States to pull itself out of its depression. Imports became largely unaffordable and people who had lost their jobs could only afford to buy domestic products. Global trade tanked 65 percent.

### **Combined: A Perfect Economic Storm**

The really unlucky thing was that all those factors combined in a sort of perfect economic storm, whose devastating effects had long-lasting repercussions. The U.S. economy didn't again reach full employment until 1940—just in time for World War II to disrupt consumption with rationing needed to ensure that the military had enough resources. Life didn't really get back to normal until after the war when the victorious United States emerged as the world's leading economy.

Some people were reduced to selling apples on street corners to support themselves, while others lost their homes and were forced to survive in shanty towns that became known as "Hoovervilles," a bitterly derisive reference to President Herbert Hoover, who in the early 1930s often claimed that "prosperity was just around the corner," even as economic and trade policy mistakes and reluctance to provide government assistance to ordinary Americans worsened their predicament.

Four years after the 1929 stock market crash, during the bleakest point of the Great Depression, about a quarter of the U.S. workforce was unemployed. Those that were lucky enough to have steady employment often saw their wages cut or their hours reduced to part-time.

Even upper-middle-class professionals, such as doctors and lawyers, saw their incomes drop by as much as 40 percent. Families who had previously enjoyed economic security suddenly faced financial instability or, in some cases, ruin. The average American family lived by the Depression-era motto: "Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without." Many tried to keep up appearances and carry on with life as close to normal as possible while they adapted to new economic circumstances. Households embraced a new level of frugality in daily life. They kept kitchen gardens, patched worn-out clothes and passed on trips to the movies as they privately struggled to retain ownership of a home or automobile.



### **Entertainment.**

The average American family didn't have much extra income to spend on leisure activities during the 1930s. Before the Depression, going to the movie theater was a major pastime. Fewer Americans could afford this luxury after the stock market crashed—so more than one-third of the cinemas in America closed between 1929 and 1934. Often, people chose to spend time at home. Neighbors got together to play cards, and board games such as Scrabble and Monopoly—both introduced during the 1930s—became popular.

The radio also provided a free form of entertainment. By the early 1930s, many middle-class families owned a home radio. Comedy programs such as Amos 'n' Andy, soap operas, sporting events and swing music distracted listeners from everyday struggles. Mini-golf became a Depression-era craze. More than 30,000 miniature golf links sprang up across the country during the 1930s. Prices ranged from 25 to 50 cents per round.

### **Women entered the workforce in increasing numbers.**

Some families maintained a middle-class income by adding an extra wage earner. Despite widespread unemployment during the Depression years, the number of married women in the workforce actually increased. Some people criticized married women for taking jobs when so many men were out of work, though women often took clerical or service industry positions that weren't seen as socially acceptable for men at the time.

The New Deal programs of President Franklin D. Roosevelt meant the expansion of government into people's everyday lives after 1933. Many Americans received some level of financial aid or employment as a result of New Deal programs. Prior to the Great Depression, most Americans had negative views of government welfare programs and refused to go on welfare. In some towns, local newspapers published the names of welfare recipients. While attitudes toward government assistance began to change during the Great Depression, going on welfare was still viewed as a painful and humiliating experience for many families.

The stress of financial strain took a psychological toll—especially on men who were suddenly unable to provide for their families. The national suicide rate rose to an all-time high in 1933. Marriages became strained, though many couples could not afford to separate. Divorce rates dropped during the 1930s though abandonments increased. Some men deserted their families out of embarrassment or frustration: This was sometimes called a “poor man’s divorce.” It’s estimated that more than two million men and women became traveling hobos. Many of these were teens who felt they had become a burden on their families and left home in search of work. Riding the rails—illegally hopping on freight trains—became a common, yet dangerous way to travel. Those traveling the country in search of work often camped in “Hooverilles,” shantytowns named after president Herbert Hoover.

Crime was mythologized, but this was largely hype. Famous outlaw duo Bonnie and Clyde went on a two-year bank robbing spree across America, while in New Jersey, famous aviator Charles Lindbergh’s toddler son was abducted, held for ransom and then murdered. High-profile events like these, broadcast through radio announcements and in newspaper headlines, contributed to a sense of lawlessness and crime in the Great Depression, stoking fears that hard times had created a crime wave. But this was more hype than reality. Violent crimes initially spiked during the first few years of the Great Depression, but nationwide, rates of homicides and violent crimes began to fall sharply between 1934 and 1937—a downward trend that continued until the 1960s.

Source: <https://www.history.com/>

### **This month we feature ‘BREAKFAST POTATO PIE’ (Gail Marie, from Wi Chapter, “A” Road to Good Cooking)**

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6 eggs                           | 1 c. shredded Swiss cheese |
| ½ tsp. thyme                     | ½ c. diced ham             |
| ¼ tsp. salt                      | ½ c. green pepper          |
| Pepper to taste                  | ¼ c. chopped onion         |
| 3 c. frozen shredded hash browns |                            |



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a 9 inch pie pan. In a medium bowl, combine eggs, thyme, salt and pepper. Beat well. Stir in potatoes, cheese, ham, onion and green pepper. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until set.

### **Events for November 1977:**

Nov 1 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site

Nov 1 US President Jimmy Carter raises the minimum wage from \$2.30 to \$3.35 an hour, effective from

Nov 2 Microbiologist Carl R. Woese and scientists from the University of Illinois announce the identification of methanogens, a form of microbial life (Archaea) dating back some 3.5 billion years

Nov 4 UN Security council proclaims weapon embargo against South Africa

Nov 5 [Gaetano] Guy Lombardo, Canadian-American orchestra leader ("Auld Lang Syne"), dies of heart attack in Houston at 75

Nov 5 NCAA passing record set at 571 yards (Marc Wilson, Brigham Young)

Nov 5 Future Texas governor and 43rd US President George W. Bush (31) weds Laura Welch (31) at The First United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas

Nov 6 39 killed in an earthen dam burst at Toccoa Falls Bible College, Ga

Nov 8 Ed Koch is elected Mayor of New York City (his 1st term)

Nov 8 Greek Archaeologist Manolis Andronikos rediscovers the tomb of Philip II of Macedon at Vergina

Nov 11 American "Three's Company" actress Suzanne Somers (30) weds second husband, Canadian television host Alan Hamel (40)

Nov 12 France performs nuclear test at Mururoa Atoll

Nov 12 New Orleans elects 1st black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial

Nov 13 Final Al Capp comic strip of "Li'l Abner" (1934-77)

Nov 14 Egyptian President Anwar Sadat repeats willingness to visit Israel to Walter Cronkite

Nov 15 US President Jimmy Carter welcomes Shah of Iran Mohammad Reza Pahlavi

Nov 17 Egyptian President Anwar Sadat formally accepts invitation to visit Israel

Nov 17 Miss World Contest - Miss UK wears \$9,500 platinum bikini

Nov 19 Libya drops diplomatic relations with Egypt

Nov 20 Egyptian President Anwar Sadat becomes the 1st Arab leader to address Israeli Knesset

Nov 20 Walter Payton (Bears) rushes for NFL record 275 yards

Nov 22 Regular Concorde supersonic jet passenger service between New York City's JFK airport and Europe begins (Air France from Paris; British Airways from London)

Nov 22 US President Jimmy Carter presents engineer Peter Goldmark with the National Medal of Science for his work communication and entertainment technology

Nov 23 European weather satellite Meteosat 1 launched from Cape Canaveral

Nov 24 Miami Dolphins quarterback Bob Greise passes for 6 touchdowns in a 55-14 win over Cardinals

Nov 25 David Steed balanced stationary on a bike for 9 hrs 15 mins

Nov 26 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (53) weds businessman Arthur Hardwick Jr at the Sheraton Inn

Historically yours, Bob & Karen



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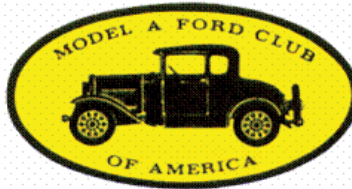


# Fall Tour Photos

by Bob Schmeichen







## 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

2024 Dues: \$20.00

Lifetime members \$0.00

**Due December 31, 2024**

**Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA**

Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA  
c/o Dave Huenink  
W326 S8815 Stone Brook Pass  
Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

***If your dues are not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024,***

***- your name will not appear in the 2025 Wisconsin Chapter Roster.***

***- the 2025 newsletter and roster will be sent after your dues is received.***

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**In 2025 the newsletter and roster will be sent by email only.**

***Please print legibly*** and complete the attached form and return it with your payment.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>ST</sup> EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH EMAIL ADDRESS SHOULD BE USED FOR WHEELING THE A AND THE ROSTER: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH?

Ford Model A vehicles owned: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note: Only list your Model A Fords**

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Classified ads, such as the ones seen here are free. To place your ad please contact the editor, Sue Quam at 414-491-3260 or by emailing your ad to: [wheelingthea@yahoo.com](mailto:wheelingthea@yahoo.com) Emailing your ad in your own words is best. Ads run for one month unless notified to run them again. Ads are due

FOR SALE: 1930 Tudor Sedan, Tacoma Cream and Seal Brown. Matching engine and frame numbers. Body off restoration in 1994. Runs great, a dependable driver. Converted to 12 volts with a high output alternator, turn signals, cowl lights, high compression head, oil filter, modern distributor, AM/FM and CB radio. Parade ready with 10 various horns, sirens and bells. 6.50 x 16 tires on it now, but also includes a set of 4.75 x 19 tires and rims. Many other spare parts are also included. \$15,500.00 OBO Call or text Bob Schaefer at (414) 588-5031 or email to [rjschaefer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjschaefer@sbcglobal.net)



FOR SALE: MODEL A parts and accessories A \$800 dollar value sold as one lot for \$400. Zenith carbs, fan, generator, flexible breather tube; New parts, Spark plugs, points, condenser, fan belt, 21" tube, gross jet, coil wire, manifold gasket, bulbs. Accessories 1931 License plates & metal flags, repair books, oil, lead additive, Ford Clock; JIM 262 210 0718

WANTED: I need a new worm gear for the 2-tooth sector Model A steering box. They are currently on backorder from various Model A suppliers and is expected to be a few more months before they are back in stock. I would purchase outright, or replace for you when they become available again. Call Erwin Haban 920-905-8073

FOR SALE: One Model A driver's door regulator for a sale. It is a few years old, fully functional and has the bolts to attach it to the door. This one will fit a Coupe, pick-up truck or Tudor. It will have to be picked up as I will not ship it. I am located in Mukwonago. I'm asking \$25. Dave 1-262-719-1056.

WANTED: Working on a complete set of Model A Reunion Participation Ribbons, need these years: 1991-29th, 1988-26th, 1984-22nd, 1983-21st, 1980-18th, 1978-16th, 1975-13th, 1970-8th, 1965-4th, 1964-3rd, 1963-2nd, 1962-1st. Have extra Ribbons from these years that I could trade/send: '98-'24-Adult & Youth, 1995-33rd, 1994-32nd, 1993-31st, 1992-30th, 1989-27th, 1987-25th, 1986-24th, 1976-14th, 1973-11th, 1972-10th, 1968-7th, 1967-6th, 1966-5th.  
Chris McMahon, [mcmahonck@att.net](mailto:mcmahonck@att.net).

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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

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- To contact the club secretary if you have change of address, email address or phone number.
- Deadline to submit articles and ads is the 15th of each month and remember the editor is always working 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



NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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OR \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH?

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- Each family member who joins receives a name badge at the first indoor meeting attended.
- Annual renewal fees are due by December 31st of each year.
- The monthly newsletter "Wheeling the A" and club roster are provided by email to the email(s) address listed above. "Wheeling the A" you will get monthly.

Send your application to: Secretary / New Member Chairperson, Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA,  
PO Box 26006, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0006.

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